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E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 561

Introduced by Murante, 49, Chairman Enrollment and Review

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments
- 2 thereto and insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 28-726, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 4 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 5 28-726 Except as provided in this section and sections
- 6 28-722 and 81-3126, no person, official, or agency shall have
- 7 access to information in the tracking system of child protection
- 8 cases maintained pursuant to section 28-715 or in records in the
- 9 central register of child protection cases maintained pursuant to
- 10 section 28-718 unless in furtherance of purposes directly connected
- 11 with the administration of the Child Protection Act. Such persons,
- 12 officials, and agencies having access to such information shall
- 13 include, but not be limited to:
- 14 (1) A law enforcement agency investigating a report of
- 15 known or suspected child abuse or neglect;
- 16 (2) A county attorney in preparation of a child abuse or
- 17 neglect petition or termination of parental rights petition;
- 18 (3) A physician who has before him or her a child whom he
- 19 or she reasonably suspects may be abused or neglected;
- 20 (4) An agency having the legal responsibility or
- 21 authorization to care for, treat, or supervise an abused or
- 22 neglected child or a parent, a guardian, or other person
- 23 responsible for the abused or neglected child's welfare who is the

- subject of the report of child abuse or neglect;
- 2 (5) Any person engaged in bona fide research or auditing.
- 3 No information identifying the subjects of the report of child
- 4 abuse or neglect shall be made available to the researcher or
- 5 auditor;
- 6 (6) The Foster Care Review Office and the designated
- 7 local foster care review board when the information relates to a
- 8 child in a foster care placement as defined in section 43-1301.
- 9 The information provided to the office and local board shall not
- 10 include the name or identity of any person making a report of
- 11 suspected child abuse or neglect;
- 12 (7) The designated protection and advocacy system
- 13 authorized pursuant to the Developmental Disabilities Assistance
- 14 and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, 42 U.S.C. 15001, as the act
- 15 existed on January 1, 2005, and the Protection and Advocacy for
- 16 Mentally Ill Individuals Act, 42 U.S.C. 10801, as the act existed
- 17 on September 1, 2001, acting upon a complaint received from or
- 18 on behalf of a person with developmental disabilities or mental
- 19 illness;
- 20 (8) The person or persons having custody of the abused or
- 21 neglected child in situations of alleged out-of-home child abuse or
- 22 neglect; and
- 23 (9) For purposes of licensing providers of child care
- 24 programs, the Department of Health and Human Services; and-
- 25 (10) A probation officer administering juvenile intake
- 26 services pursuant to section 29-2260.01, conducting court-ordered
- 27 predispositional investigations prior to adjudication, or

- 1 supervising a juvenile upon disposition.
- 2 Sec. 2. Section 29-2204, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 4 29-2204 (1) Except when a term of life imprisonment is
- 5 required by law, in imposing an indeterminate sentence upon an
- 6 offender the court shall:
- 7 (a)(i) Until July 1, 1998, fix the minimum and maximum
- 8 limits of the sentence to be served within the limits provided by
- 9 law, except that when a maximum limit of life is imposed by the
- 10 court for a Class IB felony, the minimum limit may be any term of
- 11 years not less than the statutory mandatory minimum; and
- 12 (ii) Beginning July 1, 1998:
- 13 (A) Fix the minimum and maximum limits of the sentence
- 14 to be served within the limits provided by law for any class of
- 15 felony other than a Class IV felony, except that when a maximum
- 16 limit of life is imposed by the court for a Class IB felony, the
- 17 minimum limit may be any term of years not less than the statutory
- 18 mandatory minimum. If the criminal offense is a Class IV felony,
- 19 the court shall fix the minimum and maximum limits of the sentence,
- 20 but the minimum limit fixed by the court shall not be less than
- 21 the minimum provided by law nor more than one-third of the maximum
- 22 term and the maximum limit shall not be greater than the maximum
- 23 provided by law; or
- 24 (B) Impose a definite term of years, in which event the
- 25 maximum term of the sentence shall be the term imposed by the court
- 26 and the minimum term shall be the minimum sentence provided by law;
- 27 (b) Advise the offender on the record the time the

1 offender will serve on his or her minimum term before attaining

- 2 parole eligibility assuming that no good time for which the
- 3 offender will be eligible is lost; and
- 4 (c) Advise the offender on the record the time the
- 5 offender will serve on his or her maximum term before attaining
- 6 mandatory release assuming that no good time for which the offender
- 7 will be eligible is lost.
- 8 If any discrepancy exists between the statement of
- 9 the minimum limit of the sentence and the statement of parole
- 10 eligibility or between the statement of the maximum limit of the
- 11 sentence and the statement of mandatory release, the statements
- 12 of the minimum limit and the maximum limit shall control the
- 13 calculation of the offender's term. If the court imposes more
- 14 than one sentence upon an offender or imposes a sentence upon
- 15 an offender who is at that time serving another sentence, the
- 16 court shall state whether the sentences are to be concurrent or
- 17 consecutive.
- 18 (2)(a) When the court is of the opinion that imprisonment
- 19 may be appropriate but desires more detailed information as a
- 20 basis for determining the sentence to be imposed than has been
- 21 provided by the presentence report required by section 29-2261, the
- 22 court shall commit an offender to the Department of Correctional
- 23 Services for a period not exceeding ninety days. The department
- 24 shall conduct a complete study of the offender during that time,
- 25 inquiring into such matters as his or her previous delinquency or
- 26 criminal experience, social background, capabilities, and mental,
- 27 emotional, and physical health and the rehabilitative resources

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or programs which may be available to suit his or her needs. By
the expiration of the period of commitment or by the expiration

of such additional time as the court shall grant, not exceeding

a further period of ninety days, the offender shall be returned

to the court for sentencing and the court shall be provided

6 with a written report of the results of the study, including

whatever recommendations the department believes will be helpful to

a proper resolution of the case. After receiving the report and the

recommendations, the court shall proceed to sentence the offender

10 in accordance with subsection (1) of this section. The term of the

sentence shall run from the date of original commitment under this

12 subsection.

(b) In order to encourage the use of this procedure 13 14 in appropriate cases, all costs incurred during the period the 15 defendant is held in a state institution under this subsection shall be a responsibility of the state and the county shall 16 17 be liable only for the cost of delivering the defendant to the 18 institution and the cost of returning him or her to the appropriate 19 court for sentencing or such other disposition as the court may 20 then deem appropriate.

21 (3) Except when a term of life is required by law,
22 whenever the defendant was under eighteen years of age at the time
23 he or she committed the crime for which he or she was convicted,
24 the court may, in its discretion, instead of imposing the penalty
25 provided for the crime, make such disposition of the defendant
26 as the court deems proper under the Nebraska Juvenile Code. Prior
27 to making a disposition which commits the juvenile to the Office

1 of Juvenile Services, the court shall order the juvenile to be

- 2 evaluated by the office if the juvenile has not had an evaluation
- 3 within the past twelve months.
- 4 Sec. 3. Section 29-2258, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 5 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 6 29-2258 A district probation officer shall:
- 7 (1) Conduct juvenile intake interviews and investigations
- 8 in accordance with sections 43-253 and 43-260.01;
- 9 (2) Make presentence and other investigations, as may be
- 10 required by law or directed by a court in which he or she is
- 11 serving;
- 12 (3) Supervise probationers in accordance with the rules
- 13 and regulations of the office and the directions of the sentencing
- 14 court;
- 15 (4) Advise the sentencing court, in accordance with
- 16 the Nebraska Probation Administration Act and such rules and
- 17 regulations of the office, of violations of the conditions of
- 18 probation by individual probationers;
- 19 (5) Advise the sentencing court, in accordance with the
- 20 rules and regulations of the office and the direction of the court,
- 21 when the situation of a probationer may require a modification of
- 22 the conditions of probation or when a probationer's adjustment is
- 23 such as to warrant termination of probation;
- 24 (6) Provide each probationer with a statement of the
- 25 period and conditions of his or her probation;
- 26 (7) Whenever necessary, exercise the power of arrest or
- 27 temporary custody as provided in section 29-2266 or 43-286.01;

- 1 (8) Establish procedures for the direction and guidance
- 2 of deputy probation officers under his or her jurisdiction and
- 3 advise such officers in regard to the most effective performance of
- 4 their duties;
- 5 (9) Supervise and evaluate deputy probation officers
- 6 under his or her jurisdiction;
- 7 (10) Delegate such duties and responsibilities to a
- 8 deputy probation officer as he or she deems appropriate;
- 9 (11) Make such reports as required by the administrator,
- 10 the judges of the probation district in which he or she serves, or
- 11 the Supreme Court;
- 12 (12) Keep accurate and complete accounts of all money or
- 13 property collected or received from probationers and give receipts
- 14 therefor;
- 15 (13) Cooperate fully with and render all reasonable
- 16 assistance to other probation officers;
- 17 (14) In counties with a population of less than
- 18 twenty-five thousand people, participate in pretrial diversion
- 19 programs established pursuant to sections 29-3601 to 29-3604
- 20 and juvenile pretrial diversion programs established pursuant to
- 21 sections 43-260.02 to 43-260.07 as requested by judges of the
- 22 probation district in which he or she serves or as requested by
- 23 a county attorney and approved by the judges of the probation
- 24 district in which he or she serves, except that participation in
- 25 such programs shall not require appointment of additional personnel
- 26 and shall be consistent with the probation officer's current
- 27 caseload;

1 (15) Participate, at the direction of the probation

- 2 administrator pursuant to an interlocal agreement which meets the
- 3 requirements of section 29-2255, in non-probation-based programs
- 4 and services;
- 5 (16) Perform such other duties not inconsistent with the
- 6 Nebraska Probation Administration Act or the rules and regulations
- 7 of the office as a court may from time to time direct; and
- 8 (17) Exercise all powers and perform all duties necessary
- 9 and proper to carry out his or her responsibilities.
- 10 Sec. 4. Section 43-251.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 11 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 12 43-251.01 All placements and commitments of juveniles for
- 13 evaluations or as temporary or final dispositions are subject to
- 14 the following:
- 15 (1) No juvenile shall be confined in an adult
- 16 correctional facility as a disposition of the court;
- 17 (2) A juvenile who is found to be a juvenile as described
- 18 in subdivision (3) of section 43-247 shall not be placed in an
- 19 adult correctional facility, the secure youth confinement facility
- 20 operated by the Department of Correctional Services, or a youth
- 21 rehabilitation and treatment center or committed to the Office of
- 22 Juvenile Services;
- 23 (3) A juvenile who is found to be a juvenile as described
- 24 in subdivision (1), (2), or (4) of section 43-247 shall not be
- 25 assigned or transferred to an adult correctional facility or the
- 26 secure youth confinement facility operated by the Department of
- 27 Correctional Services; and

- 1 (4) A juvenile under the age of fourteen years shall not
- 2 be placed with or committed to a youth rehabilitation and treatment
- 3 center; and except as provided in section 43-286.
- 4 (5) A juvenile shall not be detained in secure detention
- 5 or placed at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center unless
- 6 detention or placement of such juvenile is a matter of immediate
- 7 and urgent necessity for the protection of such juvenile or the
- 8 person or property of another or if it appears that such juvenile
- 9 is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court.
- 10 Sec. 5. Section 43-260.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 11 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 12 43-260.04 A juvenile pretrial diversion program shall:
- 13 (1) Be an option available for the county attorney or
- 14 city attorney based upon his or her determination under this
- 15 subdivision. The county attorney or city attorney may use the
- 16 following information:
- 17 (a) The juvenile's age;
- (b) The nature of the offense and role of the juvenile in
- 19 the offense;
- 20 (c) The number and nature of previous offenses involving
- 21 the juvenile;
- 22 (d) The dangerousness or threat posed by the juvenile to
- 23 persons or property; or
- (e) The recommendations of the referring agency, victim,
- 25 and advocates for the juvenile;
- 26 (2) Permit participation by a juvenile only on a
- 27 voluntary basis and shall include a juvenile diversion agreement

- 1 described in section 43-260.06;
- 2 (3) Allow the juvenile to consult with counsel prior to a
- 3 decision to participate in the program;
- 4 (4) Be offered to the juvenile when practicable prior to
- 5 an adjudication the filing of a juvenile petition or a criminal
- 6 charge but after the arrest of the juvenile or issuance of a
- 7 citation to the juvenile if after the arrest or citation a decision
- 8 has been made by the county attorney or city attorney that the
- 9 offense will support the filing of a juvenile petition or criminal
- 10 charges;
- 11 (5) Provide screening services for use in creating a
- 12 diversion plan utilizing appropriate services for the juvenile;
- 13 (5) Result in dismissal of the juvenile petition
- 14 or criminal charges if the juvenile successfully completes the
- 15 program;
- 16 (6) (7) Be designed and operated to further the goals
- 17 stated in section 43-260.03 and comply with sections 43-260.04 to
- 18 43-260.07; and
- 19 (8) Require information received by the program
- 20 regarding the juvenile to remain confidential unless a release of
- 21 information is signed upon admission to the program or is otherwise
- 22 authorized by law.
- 23 Sec. 6. Section 43-260.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 24 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 25 43-260.05 A juvenile pretrial diversion program may:
- 26 (1) Provide screening services to the court and county
- 27 attorney or city attorney to help identify likely candidates for

- 1 the program;
- 2 (2) Establish goals for diverted juvenile offenders and
- 3 monitor performance of the goals;
- 4 (3) Perform Coordinate chemical dependency assessments
- 5 of diverted juvenile offenders when indicated, make appropriate
- 6 referrals for treatment, and monitor treatment and aftercare;
- 7 (4) Provide Coordinate individual, group, and family
- 8 counseling services;
- 9 (5) Oversee the payment of victim restitution by diverted
- juvenile offenders;
- 11 (6) Assist diverted juvenile offenders in identifying and
- 12 contacting appropriate community resources;
- 13 (7) Provide Coordinate educational services to diverted
- 14 juvenile offenders to enable them to earn a high school diploma or
- 15 general education development diploma; and
- 16 (8) Provide accurate information on how diverted juvenile
- 17 offenders perform in the program to the juvenile courts, county
- 18 attorneys, city attorneys, defense attorneys, and probation
- 19 officers.
- 20 Sec. 7. Section 43-260.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 21 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 22 43-260.07 (1) Beginning December 1, 2003, and every
- 23 December 1 thereafter, On January 30 of each year, every county
- 24 attorney or city attorney of a county or city which has a
- 25 juvenile pretrial diversion program shall report to the Director
- 26 of Juvenile Diversion Programs the information pertaining to the
- 27 program required by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated

1 by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

- 2 to the commission.
- 3 (2) Juvenile pretrial diversion program data shall be
- 4 maintained and compiled by the Director of Juvenile Diversion
- 5 Programs. the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal
- 6 Justice.
- 7 Sec. 8. Section 43-281, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 8 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 9 43-281 Following an adjudication of jurisdiction and
- 10 prior to final disposition, the court may place the juvenile with
- 11 the Office of Juvenile Services or the Department of Health and
- 12 Human Services for evaluation. The office or department shall make
- 13 arrangements for an appropriate evaluation.
- 14 (1) Following an adjudication of jurisdiction and prior
- to final disposition, the court may order an evaluation.
- 16 (2) Any evaluation ordered shall be completed and the
- 17 juvenile shall be returned to the court within twenty-one days
- 18 after the evaluation is ordered.
- 19 (3) When a juvenile receives such an evaluation, the
- 20 juvenile shall not reside in a detention facility at the time of
- 21 the evaluation or while waiting for the completed evaluation to
- 22 be returned to the court unless detention of such juvenile is a
- 23 matter of immediate and urgent necessity for the protection of such
- 24 juvenile or the person or property of another or if it appears that
- 25 such juvenile is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court.
- 26 (4) Beginning July 1, 2014, when a juvenile is
- 27 adjudicated under subdivision (1) or (2) of section 43-247, the

- 1 Office of Probation Administration shall provide and pay for any
- 2 evaluation ordered by the court under this section if the office
- 3 determines that there are no parental funds or private or public
- 4 <u>insurance available to pay for such evaluation.</u>
- 5 Sec. 9. Section 43-286, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 6 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 7 43-286 (1) When any juvenile is adjudicated to be a
- 8 juvenile described in subdivision (1), (2), or (4) of section
- 9 43-247:
- 10 (a) The court may continue the dispositional portion of
- 11 the hearing, from time to time upon such terms and conditions as
- 12 the court may prescribe, including an order of restitution of any
- 13 property stolen or damaged or an order requiring the juvenile to
- 14 participate in community service programs, if such order is in
- 15 the interest of the juvenile's reformation or rehabilitation, and,
- 16 subject to the further order of the court, may:
- 17 (i) Place the juvenile on probation subject to the
- 18 supervision of a probation officer;
- 19 (ii) Permit the juvenile to remain in his or her own home
- 20 or be placed in a suitable family home, subject to the supervision
- 21 of the probation officer; or
- 22 (iii) Cause the juvenile to be placed in a suitable
- 23 family home or institution, subject to the supervision of the
- 24 probation officer. If the court has committed the juvenile is also
- 25 found to be a juvenile described in subdivision (3)(a) or (b) of
- 26 section 43-247 and the court has committed the juvenile to the
- 27 care and custody of the Department of Health and Human Services,

the department shall pay the costs of the suitable family home or 1 2 institution which are not otherwise paid by the juvenile's parents. 3 Under subdivision (1)(a) of this section, upon a 4 determination by the court that there are no parental, private, or 5 other public funds available for the care, custody, and maintenance of a juvenile, the court may order a reasonable sum for the care, 6 7 custody, and maintenance of the juvenile to be paid out of a 8 fund which shall be appropriated annually by the county where the 9 petition is filed until a suitable provision may be made for the 10 juvenile without such payment; or 11 (b) The (b) (i) Unless prohibited by section 43-251.01, 12 the court may commit such juvenile to the Office of Juvenile 13 Services for placement at a youth rehabilitation and treatment 14 center as a condition of an order of intensive supervised 15 probation if all levels of probation supervision and options 16 for community-based services have been exhausted and placement 17 of such juvenile is a matter of immediate and urgent necessity for the protection of such juvenile or the person or property 18 of another or if it appears that such juvenile is likely 19 to flee the jurisdiction. 7 but a juvenile under the age of 20 21 fourteen years shall not be placed at the Youth Rehabilitation and 22 Treatment Center-Geneva or the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment 23 Center-Kearney unless he or she has violated the terms of probation 24 or has committed an additional offense and the court finds that the 25 interests of the juvenile and the welfare of the community demand 26 his or her commitment. This minimum age provision shall not apply 27 if the act in question is murder or manslaughter.

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1 (ii) Intensive supervised probation for purposes of 2 subdivision (1)(b)(i) of this section means that the Office of Juvenile Services shall be responsible for the care and custody 3 4 of the juvenile until the Office of Juvenile Services discharges 5 the juvenile. Upon discharge of the juvenile, the court shall hold a review hearing on the conditions of probation and enter any 6 7 order allowed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section. The Office 8 of Juvenile Services shall work in collaboration with the Office 9 of Probation Administration in developing individualized reentry 10 plans as created in section 40 of this act and shall notify the 11 committing court at least sixty days prior to discharge. The Office 12 of Juvenile Services shall pay the cost of the care and custody of 13 the juvenile from the time of commitment until discharge from the 14 Office of Juvenile Services; or 15 (c) Until July 1, 2014, the court may commit such 16 juvenile to the Office of Juvenile Services for community 17 supervision. (2) When any juvenile is found by the court to be a 18 19 juvenile described in subdivision (3)(b) of section 43-247, the 20 court may enter such order as it is empowered to enter under 21 subdivision (1)(a) of this section or enter an order committing or 22 placing the juvenile to the care and custody of the Department of 23 Health and Human Services. 24 (3) When any juvenile is adjudicated to be a juvenile 25 described in subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section 43-247 26 because of a nonviolent act or acts and the juvenile has not 27 previously been adjudicated to be such a juvenile because of a

1 violent act or acts, the court may, with the agreement of the

- 2 victim, order the juvenile to attend juvenile offender and victim
- 3 mediation with a mediator or at an approved center selected from
- 4 the roster made available pursuant to section 25-2908.
- 5 (4) When a juvenile is placed on probation and a
- 6 probation officer has reasonable cause to believe that such
- 7 juvenile has committed or is about to commit a substance abuse
- 8 violation, a noncriminal violation, or a violation of a condition
- 9 of his or her probation, the probation officer shall take
- 10 appropriate measures as provided in section 43-286.01.
- 11 (5)(a) When a juvenile is placed on probation or under
- 12 the supervision of the court and it is alleged that the juvenile is
- 13 again a juvenile described in subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4)
- 14 of section 43-247, a petition may be filed and the same procedure
- 15 followed and rights given at a hearing on the original petition. If
- 16 an adjudication is made that the allegations of the petition are
- 17 true, the court may make any disposition authorized by this section
- 18 for such adjudications.
- 19 (b) When a juvenile is placed on probation or under
- 20 the supervision of the court for conduct under subdivision (1),
- 21 (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section 43-247 and it is alleged that the
- 22 juvenile has violated a term of probation or supervision or that
- 23 the juvenile has violated an order of the court, a motion to revoke
- 24 probation or supervision or to change the disposition may be filed
- 25 and proceedings held as follows:
- 26 (i) The motion shall set forth specific factual
- 27 allegations of the alleged violations and a copy of such motion

1 shall be served on all persons required to be served by sections

- 2 43-262 to 43-267;
- 3 (ii) The juvenile shall be entitled to a hearing before
- 4 the court to determine the validity of the allegations. At such
- 5 hearing the juvenile shall be entitled to those rights relating
- 6 to counsel provided by section 43-272 and those rights relating
- 7 to detention provided by sections 43-254 to 43-256. The juvenile
- 8 shall also be entitled to speak and present documents, witnesses,
- 9 or other evidence on his or her own behalf. He or she may confront
- 10 persons who have given adverse information concerning the alleged
- 11 violations, may cross-examine such persons, and may show that he
- 12 or she did not violate the conditions of his or her probation
- 13 or supervision or an order of the court or, if he or she did,
- 14 that mitigating circumstances suggest that the violation does not
- 15 warrant revocation of probation or supervision or a change of
- 16 disposition. The hearing shall be held within a reasonable time
- 17 after the juvenile is taken into custody;
- 18 (iii) The hearing shall be conducted in an informal
- 19 manner and shall be flexible enough to consider evidence, including
- 20 letters, affidavits, and other material, that would not be
- 21 admissible in an adversarial criminal trial;
- 22 (iv) The juvenile shall be given a preliminary hearing
- 23 in all cases when the juvenile is confined, detained, or otherwise
- 24 significantly deprived of his or her liberty as a result of his
- 25 or her alleged violation of probation, supervision, or court order.
- 26 Such preliminary hearing shall be held before an impartial person
- 27 other than his or her probation officer or any person directly

1 involved with the case. If, as a result of such preliminary

- 2 hearing, probable cause is found to exist, the juvenile shall be
- 3 entitled to a hearing before the court in accordance with this
- 4 subsection;
- 5 (v) If the juvenile is found by the court to have
- 6 violated the terms of his or her probation or supervision or an
- 7 order of the court, the court may modify the terms and conditions
- 8 of the probation, supervision, or other court order, extend the
- 9 period of probation, supervision, or other court order, or enter
- 10 any order of disposition that could have been made at the time the
- 11 original order was entered; and
- 12 (vi) In cases when the court revokes probation,
- 13 supervision, or other court order, it shall enter a written
- 14 statement as to the evidence relied on and the reasons for
- 15 revocation.
- 16 Sec. 10. Section 43-2,108.05, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 17 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 18 43-2,108.05 (1) If the court orders the record of a
- 19 juvenile sealed pursuant to section 43-2,108.04, the court shall:
- 20 (a) Order that all records, including any information
- 21 or other data concerning any proceedings relating to the offense,
- 22 including the arrest, taking into custody, petition, complaint,
- 23 indictment, information, trial, hearing, adjudication, correctional
- 24 supervision, dismissal, or other disposition or sentence, be deemed
- 25 never to have occurred;
- (b) Send notice of the order to seal the record (i) to
- 27 the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice,

1 (ii) if the record includes impoundment or prohibition to obtain

- 2 a license or permit pursuant to section 43-287, to the Department
- 3 of Motor Vehicles, (iii) if the juvenile whose record has been
- 4 ordered sealed was a ward of the state at the time the proceeding
- 5 was initiated or if the Department of Health and Human Services
- 6 was a party in the proceeding, to such department, and (iv) to
- 7 law enforcement agencies, county attorneys, and city attorneys
- 8 referenced in the court record;
- 9 (c) Order all notified under subdivision (1)(b) of this
- 10 section to seal all records pertaining to the offense;
- 11 (d) If the case was transferred from district court to
- 12 juvenile court or was transferred under section 43-282, send notice
- 13 of the order to seal the record to the transferring court; and
- 14 (e) Explain to the juvenile what sealing the record means
- 15 verbally if the juvenile is present in the court at the time the
- 16 court issues the sealing order or by written notice sent by regular
- 17 mail to the juvenile's last-known address if the juvenile is not
- 18 present in the court at the time the court issues the sealing
- 19 order.
- 20 (2) The effect of having a record sealed under section
- 21 43-2,108.04 is that thereafter no person is allowed to release
- 22 any information concerning such record, except as provided by
- 23 this section. After a record is sealed, the person whose record
- 24 was sealed can respond to any public inquiry as if the offense
- 25 resulting in such record never occurred. A government agency and
- 26 any other public office or agency shall reply to any public
- 27 inquiry that no information exists regarding a sealed record.

1 Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, an order

- 2 to seal the record applies to every government agency and any
- 3 other public office or agency that has a record relating to the
- 4 offense, regardless of whether it receives notice of the hearing
- 5 on the sealing of the record or a copy of the order. Upon the
- 6 written request of a person whose record has been sealed and the
- 7 presentation of a copy of such order, a government agency or any
- 8 other public office or agency shall seal all records pertaining to
- 9 the offense.
- 10 (3) A sealed record is accessible to law enforcement
- 11 officers, county attorneys, and city attorneys in the
- 12 investigation, prosecution, and sentencing of crimes, to the
- 13 sentencing judge in the sentencing of criminal defendants, and
- 14 to any attorney representing the subject of the sealed record.
- 15 Inspection of records that have been ordered sealed under section
- 16 43-2,108.04 may be made by the following persons or for the
- 17 following purposes:
- (a) By the court or by any person allowed to inspect such
- 19 records by an order of the court for good cause shown;
- 20 (b) By the court, city attorney, or county attorney
- 21 for purposes of collection of any remaining parental support or
- 22 obligation balances under section 43-290;
- 23 (c) By the Nebraska Probation System for purposes of
- 24 juvenile intake services, for presentence and other probation
- 25 investigations, and for the direct supervision of persons placed
- 26 on probation and by the Department of Correctional Services,
- 27 the Office of Juvenile Services, a juvenile assessment center, a

1 criminal detention facility, or a juvenile detention facility, or a

- 2 staff secure juvenile facility as defined in section 83-4,125, for
- 3 an individual committed to it, placed with it, or under its care;
- 4 (d) By the Department of Health and Human Services for
- 5 purposes of juvenile intake services, the preparation of case
- 6 plans and reports, the preparation of evaluations, compliance with
- 7 federal reporting requirements, or the supervision and protection
- 8 of persons placed with the department or for licensing or
- 9 certification purposes under sections 71-1901 to 71-1906.01 or
- 10 the Child Care Licensing Act;
- (e) Upon application, by the person who is the subject of
- 12 the sealed record and by persons authorized by the person who is
- 13 the subject of the sealed record who are named in that application;
- 14 (f) At the request of a party in a civil action that is
- 15 based on a case that has a sealed record, as needed for the civil
- 16 action. The party also may copy the sealed record as needed for the
- 17 civil action. The sealed record shall be used solely in the civil
- 18 action and is otherwise confidential and subject to this section;
- 19 (g) By persons engaged in bona fide research, with
- 20 the permission of the court, only if the research results
- 21 in no disclosure of the person's identity and protects the
- 22 confidentiality of the sealed record; or
- 23 (h) By a law enforcement agency if a person whose record
- 24 has been sealed applies for employment with the law enforcement
- 25 agency.
- 26 (4) Nothing in this section prohibits the Department of
- 27 Health and Human Services from releasing information from sealed

1 records in the performance of its duties with respect to the

- 2 supervision and protection of persons served by the department.
- 3 (5) In any application for employment, bonding, license,
- 4 education, or other right or privilege, any appearance as a
- 5 witness, or any other public inquiry, a person cannot be questioned
- 6 with respect to any offense for which the record is sealed. If
- 7 an inquiry is made in violation of this subsection, the person
- 8 may respond as if the offense never occurred. Applications for
- 9 employment shall contain specific language that states that the
- 10 applicant is not obligated to disclose a sealed record. Employers
- 11 shall not ask if an applicant has had a record sealed. The
- 12 Department of Labor shall develop a link on the department's web
- 13 site to inform employers that employers cannot ask if an applicant
- 14 had a record sealed and that an application for employment shall
- 15 contain specific language that states that the applicant is not
- 16 obligated to disclose a sealed record.
- 17 (6) Any person who violates this section may be held in
- 18 contempt of court.
- 19 Sec. 11. Section 43-2,119, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 20 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 21 43-2,119 (1) The number of judges of the separate
- 22 juvenile court in counties which have established a separate
- 23 juvenile court shall be:
- 24 (a) Two judges in counties having seventy-five thousand
- 25 inhabitants but less than two hundred thousand inhabitants;
- 26 (b) Four judges in counties having at least two
- 27 hundred thousand inhabitants but less than four hundred thousand

- 1 inhabitants; and
- 2 (c) Five Six judges in counties having four hundred
- 3 thousand inhabitants or more.
- 4 (2) The senior judge in point of service as a juvenile
- 5 court judge shall be the presiding judge. The judges shall rotate
- 6 the office of presiding judge every three years unless the judges
- 7 agree to another system.
- 8 Sec. 12. Section 43-404, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 9 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 10 43-404 (1) This subsection applies until July 1, 2014.
- 11 There is created within the Department of Health and Human
- 12 Services the Office of Juvenile Services. The office shall have
- 13 oversight and control of state juvenile correctional facilities and
- 14 programs other than the secure youth confinement facility which is
- 15 under the control of the Department of Correctional Services. The
- 16 Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services shall be appointed
- 17 by the chief executive officer of the department or his or her
- 18 designee and shall be responsible for the administration of the
- 19 facilities and programs of the office. The department may contract
- 20 with a state agency or private provider to operate any facilities
- 21 and programs of the Office of Juvenile Services.
- 22 (2) This subsection applies beginning July 1, 2014. There
- 23 is created within the Department of Health and Human Services the
- 24 Office of Juvenile Services. The office shall have oversight and
- 25 control of the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers. The
- 26 Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services shall be appointed
- 27 by the chief executive officer of the department or his or her

- 1 designee and shall be responsible for the administration of the
- 2 facilities and programs of the office. The department may contract
- 3 with a state agency or private provider to operate any facilities
- 4 and programs of the Office of Juvenile Services.
- 5 Sec. 13. Section 43-405, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 6 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 7 43-405 The administrative duties of the Office of
- 8 Juvenile Services are to:
- 9 (1) Manage, establish policies for, and administer the
- 10 office, including all facilities and programs operated by the
- 11 office or provided through the office by contract with a provider;
- 12 (2) Supervise employees of the office, including
- 13 employees of the facilities and programs operated by the office;
- 14 (3) Have separate budgeting procedures and develop and
- 15 report budget information separately from the Department of Health
- 16 and Human Services;
- 17 (4) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for
- 18 the levels of treatment and for management, control, screening,
- 19 evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation, parole, transfer, and
- 20 discharge of, and, until July 1, 2014, evaluation and parole of,
- 21 juveniles placed with or committed to the Office of Juvenile
- 22 Services;
- 23 (5) Ensure that statistical information concerning
- 24 juveniles placed with or committed to facilities or programs of
- 25 the office is collected, developed, and maintained for purposes of
- 26 research and the development of treatment programs;
- 27 (6) Monitor commitments, placements, and evaluations at

- 1 facilities and programs operated by the office or through contracts
- 2 with providers and submit electronically an annual report of
- 3 its findings to the Legislature. For 2012, 2013, and 2014, the
- 4 office shall also provide the report to the Health and Human
- 5 Services Committee of the Legislature on or before September
- 6 15. The report shall include an assessment of the administrative
- 7 costs of operating the facilities, the cost of programming, the
- 8 savings realized through reductions in commitments, placements, and
- 9 evaluations, and information regarding the collaboration required
- 10 by section 83-101;
- 11 (7) Coordinate the programs and services of the juvenile
- 12 justice system with other governmental agencies and political
- 13 subdivisions;
- 14 (8) Coordinate educational, vocational, and social
- 15 counseling;
- 16 (9) Coordinate Until July 1, 2014, coordinate
- 17 community-based services for juveniles and their families;
- 18 (10) Supervise Until July 1, 2014, supervise and
- 19 coordinate juvenile parole and aftercare services; and
- 20 (11) Exercise all powers and perform all duties necessary
- 21 to carry out its responsibilities under the Health and Human
- 22 Services, Office of Juvenile Services Act.
- 23 Sec. 14. Section 43-406, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 24 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 25 43-406 The Office of Juvenile Services shall utilize:
- 26 (1) Risk and needs assessment instruments for use in
- 27 determining the level of treatment for the juvenile;

1 (2) A case classification process to include levels of

- 2 treatment defined by rules and regulations and case management
- 3 standards for each level of treatment. The process shall provide
- 4 for a balance of accountability, public safety, and treatment;
- 5 (3) Case management for all juveniles committed to the
- 6 office;
- 7 (4) A Until July 1, 2014, a purchase-of-care system which
- 8 will facilitate the development of a statewide community-based
- 9 array of care with the involvement of the private sector and the
- 10 local public sector. Care services may be purchased from private
- 11 providers to provide a wider diversity of services. This system
- 12 shall include accessing existing Title IV-E funds of the federal
- 13 Social Security Act, as amended, medicaid funds, and other funding
- 14 sources to support eligible community-based services. Such services
- 15 developed and purchased shall include, but not be limited to,
- 16 evaluation services. Services shall be offered and delivered on a
- 17 regional basis;
- 18 (5) Community-based Until July 1, 2014, community-based
- 19 evaluation programs, supplemented by one or more residential
- 20 evaluation programs. A residential evaluation program shall be
- 21 provided in a county containing a city of the metropolitan
- 22 class. Community-based evaluation services shall replace the
- 23 residential evaluation services available at the Youth Diagnostic
- 24 and Rehabilitation Center by December 31, 1999; and
- 25 (6) A management information system. The system shall
- 26 be a unified, interdepartmental client information system which
- 27 supports the management function as well as the service function.

1 Sec. 15. Section 43-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of

- 2 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 3 43-407 (1) This subsection applies until July 1, 2014.
- 4 The Office of Juvenile Services shall design and make available
- 5 programs and treatment services through the Youth Rehabilitation
- 6 and Treatment Center-Kearney and Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment
- 7 Center-Geneva. The programs and treatment services shall be based
- 8 upon the individual or family evaluation process and treatment
- 9 plan. The treatment plan shall be developed within fourteen days
- 10 after admission. If a juvenile placed at the Youth Rehabilitation
- 11 and Treatment Center-Kearney or Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment
- 12 Center-Geneva is assessed as needing inpatient or subacute
- 13 substance abuse or behavioral health residential treatment, the
- 14 juvenile may be transferred to a program or facility if the
- 15 treatment and security needs of the juvenile can be met. The
- 16 assessment process shall include involvement of both private and
- 17 public sector behavioral health providers. The selection of the
- 18 treatment venue for each juvenile shall include individualized
- 19 case planning and incorporate the goals of the juvenile justice
- 20 system pursuant to section 43-402. Juveniles committed to the Youth
- 21 Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney or Youth Rehabilitation
- 22 and Treatment Center-Geneva who are transferred to alternative
- 23 settings for treatment remain committed to the Department of Health
- 24 and Human Services and the Office of Juvenile Services until
- 25 discharged from such custody. Programs and treatment services shall
- 26 address:
- 27 (a) Behavioral impairments, severe emotional

1 disturbances, sex offender behaviors, and other mental health or

- 2 psychiatric disorders;
- 4 (3) (c) Health and medical needs;
- 5 (4) (d) Education, special education, and related
- 6 services;
- 7 (5) (e) Individual, group, and family counseling services
- 8 as appropriate with any treatment plan related to subdivisions (1)
- 9 (a) through (4) (d) of this section. Services shall
- 10 also be made available for juveniles who have been physically or
- 11 sexually abused;
- 12 (6) (f) A case management and coordination process,
- 13 designed to assure appropriate reintegration of the juvenile to
- 14 his or her family, school, and community. This process shall
- 15 follow individualized planning which shall begin at intake and
- 16 evaluation. Structured programming shall be scheduled for all
- 17 juveniles. This programming shall include a strong academic program
- 18 as well as classes in health education, living skills, vocational
- 19 training, behavior management and modification, money management,
- 20 family and parent responsibilities, substance abuse awareness,
- 21 physical education, job skills training, and job placement
- 22 assistance. Participation shall be required of all juveniles if
- 23 such programming is determined to be age and developmentally
- 24 appropriate. The goal of such structured programming shall be to
- 25 provide the academic and life skills necessary for a juvenile to
- 26 successfully return to his or her home and community upon release;
- 27 and

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1 (7) (g) The design and delivery of treatment programs 2 through the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers as well as any licensing or certification requirements, and the office shall 3 follow the requirements as stated within Title XIX and Title IV-E 4 5 of the federal Social Security Act, as such act existed on May 25, 2007, the Special Education Act, or other funding guidelines as 6 7 appropriate. It is the intent of the Legislature that these funding 8 sources shall be utilized to support service needs of eliqible 9 juveniles. 10 (2) This subsection applies beginning July 1, 2014. The Office of Juvenile Services shall design and make available 11 12 programs and treatment services through the Youth Rehabilitation 13 and Treatment Center-Kearney and Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment 14 Center-Geneva. The programs and treatment services shall be based 15 upon the individual or family evaluation process and treatment 16 plan. The treatment plan shall be developed within fourteen days 17 after admission. If a juvenile placed at the Youth Rehabilitation 18 and Treatment Center-Kearney or Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment 19 Center-Geneva is assessed as needing inpatient or subacute substance abuse or behavioral health residential treatment, the 20 21 Office of Juvenile Services may arrange for such treatment to be 22 provided at the Hastings Regional Center or the juvenile shall 23 be discharged from such custody and returned to the court for review of the conditions of his or her probation and to determine 24 25 placement. Programs and treatment services shall address: 26 Behavioral impairments, severe emotional (a) 27 disturbances, sex offender behaviors, and other mental health or

1 psychiatric disorders;

2 (b) Drug and alcohol addiction;

- 3 (c) Health and medical needs;
- 4 (d) Education, special education, and related services;
- 5 (e) Individual, group, and family counseling services
- 6 as appropriate with any treatment plan related to subdivisions
- 7 (a) through (d) of this subsection. Services shall also be made
- 8 available for juveniles who have been physically or sexually
- 9 abused;
- 10 (f) A case management and coordination process, designed
- 11 to assure appropriate reintegration of the juvenile to his or
- 12 her family, school, and community. This process shall follow
- 13 individualized planning which shall begin at intake and evaluation.
- 14 Structured programming shall be scheduled for all juveniles.
- 15 This programming shall include a strong academic program as
- 16 well as classes in health education, living skills, vocational
- 17 training, behavior management and modification, money management,
- 18 family and parent responsibilities, substance abuse awareness,
- 19 physical education, job skills training, and job placement
- 20 assistance. Participation shall be required of all juveniles if
- 21 such programming is determined to be age and developmentally
- 22 appropriate. The goal of such structured programming shall be to
- 23 provide the academic and life skills necessary for a juvenile to
- 24 successfully return to his or her home and community upon release;
- 25 and
- 26 (g) The design and delivery of treatment programs through
- 27 the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers as well as any

1 <u>licensing</u> or certification requirements, and the office shall

- 2 follow the requirements as stated within Title XIX and Title IV-E
- 3 of the federal Social Security Act, as such act existed on January
- 4 1, 2013, the Special Education Act, or other funding guidelines as
- 5 appropriate. It is the intent of the Legislature that these funding
- 6 sources shall be utilized to support service needs of eligible
- 7 juveniles.
- 8 Sec. 16. Section 43-408, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 9 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 10 43-408 (1) (1) (a) This subsection applies until July 1,
- 11 2014. Whenever any juvenile is committed under any provision of law
- 12 to the Office of Juvenile Services, to any facility operated by the
- 13 Office of Juvenile Services, or to the custody of the Administrator
- 14 of the Office of Juvenile Services, a superintendent of a facility,
- 15 or an administrator of a program, the juvenile is deemed committed
- 16 to the Office of Juvenile Services. Juveniles committed to the
- 17 Office of Juvenile Services shall also be considered committed to
- 18 the care and custody of the Department of Health and Human Services
- 19 for the purpose of obtaining health care and treatment services.
- 20 (2) (b) The committing court shall order the initial
- 21 level of treatment for a juvenile committed to the Office of
- 22 Juvenile Services. Prior to determining the initial level of
- 23 treatment for a juvenile, the court may solicit a recommendation
- 24 regarding the initial level of treatment from the Office of
- 25 Juvenile Services. Under this section, subsection, the committing
- 26 court shall not order a specific placement for a juvenile. The
- 27 court shall continue to maintain jurisdiction over any juvenile

committed to the Office of Juvenile Services until such time that 1 2 the juvenile is discharged from the Office of Juvenile Services. 3 The court shall conduct review hearings every six months, or at the 4 request of the juvenile, for any juvenile committed to the Office 5 of Juvenile Services who is placed outside his or her home, except for a juvenile residing at a youth rehabilitation and treatment 6 7 center. The court shall determine whether an out-of-home placement 8 made by the Office of Juvenile Services is in the best interests 9 of the juvenile, with due consideration being given by the court 10 to public safety. If the court determines that the out-of-home placement is not in the best interests of the juvenile, the court 11 12 may order other treatment services for the juvenile. (3) (c) After the initial level of treatment is ordered 13

14 by the committing court, the Office of Juvenile Services shall 15 provide treatment services which conform to the court's level 16 of treatment determination. Within thirty days after making an 17 actual placement, the Office of Juvenile Services shall provide the 18 committing court with written notification of where the juvenile 19 has been placed. At least once every six months thereafter, until the juvenile is discharged from the care and custody of the Office 20 21 of Juvenile Services, the office shall provide the committing court 22 with written notification of the juvenile's actual placement and 23 the level of treatment that the juvenile is receiving.

24 (4) (d) For transfer hearings, the burden of proof to
25 justify the transfer is on the Office of Juvenile Services, the
26 standard of proof is clear and convincing evidence, and the strict
27 rules of evidence do not apply. Transfers of juveniles from one

1 place of treatment to another are subject to section 43-251.01 and

- 2 to the following:
- 3 (a) (i) Except as provided in subdivision (b) (d) (ii) of
- 4 this subsection, if the Office of Juvenile Services proposes to
- 5 transfer the juvenile from a less restrictive to a more restrictive
- 6 place of treatment, a plan outlining the proposed change and the
- 7 reasons for the proposed change shall be presented to the court
- 8 which committed the juvenile. Such change shall occur only after a
- 9 hearing and a finding by the committing court that the change is
- 10 in the best interests of the juvenile, with due consideration being
- 11 given by the court to public safety. At the hearing, the juvenile
- 12 has the right to be represented by counsel;
- 13 (b) (ii) The Office of Juvenile Services may make an
- 14 immediate temporary change without prior approval by the committing
- 15 court only if the juvenile is in a harmful or dangerous situation,
- 16 is suffering a medical emergency, is exhibiting behavior which
- 17 warrants temporary removal, or has been placed in a non-state-owned
- 18 facility and such facility has requested that the juvenile be
- 19 removed. Approval of the committing court shall be sought within
- 20 fifteen days of making an immediate temporary change, at which time
- 21 a hearing shall occur before the court. The court shall determine
- 22 whether it is in the best interests of the juvenile to remain in
- 23 the new place of treatment, with due consideration being given by
- 24 the court to public safety. At the hearing, the juvenile has the
- 25 right to be represented by counsel; and
- 26 (e) (iii) If the proposed change seeks to transfer the
- 27 juvenile from a more restrictive to a less restrictive place

of treatment or to transfer the juvenile from the juvenile's 1 2 current place of treatment to another which has the same level of restriction as the current place of treatment, the Office 3 4 of Juvenile Services shall notify the juvenile, the juvenile's 5 parents, custodian, or legal guardian, the committing court, the county attorney, the counsel for the juvenile, and the guardian 6 7 ad litem of the proposed change. The juvenile has fifteen days 8 after the date of the notice to request an administrative hearing with the Office of Juvenile Services, at which time the Office 9 10 of Juvenile Services shall determine whether it is in the best 11 interests of the juvenile for the proposed change to occur, with 12 due consideration being given by the office to public safety. The juvenile may be represented by counsel at the juvenile's 13 14 own expense. If the juvenile is aggrieved by the administrative 15 decision of the Office of Juvenile Services, the juvenile may 16 appeal that decision to the committing court within fifteen days 17 after the Office of Juvenile Services' decision. At the hearing before the committing court, the juvenile has the right to be 18 19 represented by counsel.

20 (5) (e) If a juvenile is placed in detention after the
21 initial level of treatment is determined by the committing court,
22 the committing court shall hold a hearing every fourteen days to
23 review the status of the juvenile. Placement of a juvenile in
24 detention shall not be considered as a treatment service.

25 (6) (f) The committing court's review of a change of 26 place of treatment pursuant to this section subsection does not 27 apply to parole revocation hearings.

1 (2) (a) This subsection applies beginning July 1, 2014.

2 Whenever any juvenile is committed to the Office of Juvenile

- 3 Services, the juvenile shall also be considered committed to the
- 4 care and custody of the Department of Health and Human Services for
- 5 the purpose of obtaining health care and treatment services.
- 6 (b) The committing court shall order placement at a youth
- 7 rehabilitation and treatment center for a juvenile committed to the
- 8 Office of Juvenile Services. The court shall continue to maintain
- 9 jurisdiction over any juvenile committed to the Office of Juvenile
- 10 Services for the purpose of reviewing the juvenile's probation upon
- 11 discharge from the care and custody of the Office of Juvenile
- 12 Services.
- (c) If a juvenile is placed in detention while awaiting
- 14 placement at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center and the
- 15 placement has not occurred within fourteen days, the committing
- 16 court shall hold a hearing every fourteen days to review the status
- 17 of the juvenile. Placement of a juvenile in detention shall not be
- 18 considered a treatment service.
- 19 Sec. 17. Section 43-409, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 20 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 21 43-409 (1) This subsection applies until July 1, 2014.
- 22 The Office of Juvenile Services shall have access to and may obtain
- 23 copies of all records pertaining to a juvenile committed to $\frac{it}{}$
- 24 a youth rehabilitation and treatment center or placed with it,
- 25 including, but not limited to, school records, medical records,
- 26 juvenile court records, probation records, test results, treatment
- 27 records, evaluations, and examination reports. Any person who, in

1 good faith, furnishes any records or information to the Office

- 2 of Juvenile Services shall be immune from any liability, civil
- 3 or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. The
- 4 owners, officers, directors, employees, or agents of such medical
- 5 office, school, court, office, corporation, partnership, or other
- 6 such entity shall not be liable for furnishing such records or
- 7 information.
- 8 (2) This subsection applies beginning July 1, 2014. The
- 9 Office of Juvenile Services shall have access to and may obtain
- 10 copies of all records pertaining to a juvenile committed to a youth
- 11 rehabilitation and treatment center, including, but not limited
- 12 to, school records, medical records, juvenile court records,
- 13 probation records, test results, treatment records, evaluations,
- 14 and examination reports. Any person who, in good faith, furnishes
- 15 any records or information to the Office of Juvenile Services
- 16 shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might
- 17 otherwise be incurred or imposed. The owners, officers, directors,
- 18 employees, or agents of such medical office, school, court, office,
- 19 corporation, partnership, or other such entity shall not be liable
- 20 for furnishing such records or information.
- 21 Sec. 18. Section 43-410, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 22 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 23 43-410 (1) This subsection applies until July 1, 2014.
- 24 Any peace officer, juvenile parole officer, or direct care staff
- 25 member of the Office of Juvenile Services has the authority to
- 26 apprehend and detain a juvenile who has absconded or is attempting
- 27 to abscond from a placement for evaluation or commitment to the

1 Office of Juvenile Services and shall cause the juvenile to be

- 2 returned to the facility or program or an appropriate juvenile
- 3 detention facility. For purposes of this section, subsection,
- 4 direct care staff member means any staff member charged with the
- 5 day-to-day care and supervision of juveniles housed at a facility
- 6 or program operated directly by the office or security staff who
- 7 has received training in apprehension techniques and procedures.
- 8 (2)(a) This subsection applies beginning July 1, 2014.
- 9 Any peace officer or direct care staff member of the Office
- 10 of Juvenile Services has the authority to apprehend and detain
- 11 a juvenile who has absconded or is attempting to abscond from
- 12 commitment to the Office of Juvenile Services and shall cause the
- 13 juvenile to be returned to the youth rehabilitation and treatment
- 14 center or an appropriate juvenile detention facility.
- 15 (b) For purposes of this subsection, direct care staff
- 16 member means any staff member charged with the day-to-day care and
- 17 supervision of juveniles at a youth rehabilitation and treatment
- 18 center or security staff who has received training in apprehension
- 19 <u>techniques and procedures.</u>
- 20 Sec. 19. Section 43-411, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 21 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 22 43-411 (1) This subsection applies until July 1, 2014.
- 23 The chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human
- 24 Services shall have the authority, and may delegate the authority
- 25 only to the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services
- 26 and the superintendents of the youth rehabilitation and treatment
- 27 centers, to issue detainers for the apprehension and detention of

1 juveniles who have absconded from a placement with or commitment

- 2 to the office. Any peace officer who detains a juvenile on such
- 3 a detainer shall hold the juvenile in an appropriate facility or
- 4 program for juveniles until the office can take custody of the
- 5 juvenile.
- 6 (2) This subsection applies beginning July 1, 2014. The
- 7 chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human
- 8 Services shall have the authority, and may delegate the authority
- 9 only to the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services
- 10 and the superintendents of the youth rehabilitation and treatment
- 11 centers, to issue detainers for the apprehension and detention of
- 12 juveniles who have absconded from commitment to the office. Any
- 13 peace officer who detains a juvenile on such a detainer shall hold
- 14 the juvenile in an appropriate facility or program for juveniles
- 15 until the office can take custody of the juvenile.
- Sec. 20. Section 43-412, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 17 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 18 43-412 (1) Every juvenile committed to the Office of
- 19 Juvenile Services pursuant to the Nebraska Juvenile Code or
- 20 pursuant to subsection (3) of section 29-2204 shall remain
- 21 committed until he or she attains the age of nineteen or is legally
- 22 discharged from a youth rehabilitation and treatment center.
- 23 (2) The Upon attainment of the age of nineteen or absent
- 24 a continuing order of intensive supervised probation, discharge of
- 25 any juvenile pursuant to the rules and regulations or upon his or
- 26 her attainment of the age of nineteen shall be a complete release
- 27 from all penalties incurred by conviction or adjudication of the

- 1 offense for which he or she was committed.
- 2 (3) The Office of Juvenile Services shall provide the
- 3 committing court, Office of Probation Administration, county
- 4 attorney, defense attorney, if any, and guardian ad litem, if any,
- 5 with written notification of the juvenile's discharge within thirty
- 6 days of prior to a juvenile being discharged from the care and
- 7 custody of the office. a youth rehabilitation and treatment center.
- 8 Sec. 21. Section 43-413, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 9 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 10 43-413 (1) This section applies until July 1, 2014. A
- 11 court may, pursuant to section 43-281, place a juvenile with the
- 12 Office of Juvenile Services or the Department of Health and Human
- 13 Services for an evaluation to aid the court in the disposition.
- 14 (2) A juvenile convicted as an adult shall be placed with
- 15 the Office of Juvenile Services for evaluation prior to sentencing
- 16 as provided by subsection (3) of section 29-2204.
- 17 (3) All juveniles shall be evaluated prior to commitment
- 18 to the Office of Juvenile Services unless the court finds that
- 19 (a) there has been a substantially equivalent evaluation within
- 20 the last twelve months that makes reevaluation unnecessary or (b)
- 21 an addendum to a previous evaluation rather than a reevaluation
- 22 would be appropriate. The court shall not commit such juvenile
- 23 to the temporary custody of the Office of Juvenile Services prior
- 24 to disposition. The office may place a juvenile in residential or
- 25 nonresidential community-based evaluation services for purposes of
- 26 evaluation to assist the court in determining the initial level of
- 27 treatment for the juvenile.

1 (4) During any period of detention or evaluation prior to

- 2 disposition:
- 3 (a) Except as provided in subdivision (4)(b) of this
- 4 section, the county in which the case is pending is responsible
- 5 for all detention costs incurred before and after an evaluation
- 6 period prior to disposition, the cost of delivering the juvenile
- 7 to the facility or institution for an evaluation, and the cost of
- 8 returning the juvenile to the court for disposition; and
- 9 (b) The state is responsible for (i) the costs incurred
- 10 during an evaluation unless otherwise ordered by the court pursuant
- 11 to section 43-290 and (ii) the preevaluation detention costs for
- 12 any days over the first ten days from the date the evaluation is
- 13 ordered by the court.
- 14 (5) The Office of Juvenile Services and the Department of
- 15 Health and Human Services are not responsible for predisposition
- 16 costs except as provided in subdivision (4)(b) of this section.
- 17 Sec. 22. Section 43-414, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 18 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 19 43-414 This section applies until July 1, 2014. Each
- 20 juvenile placed for evaluation with the Office of Juvenile Services
- 21 shall be subjected to medical examination and evaluation as
- 22 directed by the office.
- 23 Sec. 23. Section 43-415, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 24 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 25 43-415 This section applies until July 1, 2014. A
- 26 juvenile placed for evaluation with the Office of Juvenile
- 27 Services shall be returned to the court upon the completion of

1 the evaluation or at the end of thirty days, whichever comes first.

- 2 When the office finds that an extension of the thirty-day period
- 3 is necessary to complete the evaluation, the court may order an
- 4 extension not to exceed an additional thirty days. The court shall
- 5 hold a hearing within ten days after the evaluation is completed
- 6 and returned to the court by the office.
- 7 Sec. 24. Section 43-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 8 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 9 43-416 This section applies until July 1, 2014. The
- 10 Office of Juvenile Services shall have administrative authority
- 11 over the parole function for juveniles committed to a youth
- 12 rehabilitation and treatment center and may (1) determine the time
- 13 of release on parole of committed juveniles eligible for such
- 14 release, (2) fix the conditions of parole, revoke parole, issue
- 15 or authorize the issuance of detainers for the apprehension and
- 16 detention of parole violators, and impose other sanctions short
- 17 of revocation for violation of conditions of parole, and (3)
- 18 determine the time of discharge from parole. The office shall
- 19 provide the committing court with written notification of the
- 20 juvenile's discharge from parole within thirty days of a juvenile
- 21 being discharged from the supervision of the office.
- 22 Sec. 25. Section 43-417, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 23 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 24 43-417 (1) This subsection applies until July 1, 2014.
- 25 In administering juvenile parole, the Office of Juvenile Services
- 26 shall consider whether (1) (a) the juvenile has completed the
- 27 goals of his or her individual treatment plan or received maximum

1 benefit from institutional treatment, $\frac{(2)}{(b)}$ the juvenile would

- 2 benefit from continued services under community supervision, (3)
- 3 (c) the juvenile can function in a community setting, (4) (d) there
- 4 is reason to believe that the juvenile will not commit further
- 5 violations of law, and (5) (e) there is reason to believe that the
- 6 juvenile will comply with the conditions of parole.
- 7 (2) This subsection applies beginning July 1, 2014.
- 8 In determining whether to discharge a juvenile from a youth
- 9 rehabilitation and treatment center, the Office of Juvenile
- 10 Services shall consider whether (a) the juvenile has completed
- 11 the goals of his or her individual treatment plan or received
- 12 maximum benefit from institutional treatment, (b) the juvenile
- 13 would benefit from continued services under community supervision,
- 14 (c) the juvenile can function in a community setting, (d) there
- 15 is reason to believe that the juvenile will not commit further
- 16 violations of law, and (e) there is reason to believe that the
- 17 juvenile will comply with the conditions of probation.
- 18 Sec. 26. Section 43-418, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 19 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 20 43-418 (1) This section applies until July 1, 2014. Any
- 21 juvenile parole officer or peace officer may apprehend and detain
- 22 a juvenile who is on parole if the officer has reasonable cause
- 23 to believe that a juvenile has violated or is about to violate a
- 24 condition of his or her parole and that the juvenile will attempt
- 25 to leave the jurisdiction or will place lives or property in danger
- 26 unless the juvenile is detained. A juvenile parole officer may
- 27 call upon a peace officer to assist him or her in apprehending and

1 detaining a juvenile pursuant to this section. Such juvenile may

- 2 be held in an appropriate juvenile facility pending hearing on the
- 3 allegations.
- 4 (2) Juvenile parole officers may search for and seize
- 5 contraband and evidence related to possible parole violations by a
- 6 juvenile.
- 7 (3) Whether or not a juvenile is apprehended and detained
- 8 by a juvenile parole officer or peace officer, if there is reason
- 9 to believe that a juvenile has violated a condition of his or
- 10 her parole, the Office of Juvenile Services may issue the juvenile
- 11 written notice of the alleged parole violations and notice of a
- 12 hearing on the alleged parole violations.
- 13 Sec. 27. Section 43-419, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 14 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 15 43-419 (1) This section applies until July 1, 2014. When
- 16 a juvenile is apprehended and detained for an alleged violation
- 17 of juvenile parole, he or she shall have a preliminary hearing as
- 18 soon as practicable and no later than within seventy-two hours of
- 19 being apprehended and detained. An impartial hearing officer shall
- 20 conduct the preliminary hearing. The impartial hearing officer
- 21 shall not be the juvenile parole officer alleging the violation of
- 22 parole or a witness to the alleged violation. The impartial hearing
- 23 officer may be an employee of the Office of Juvenile Services,
- 24 including a supervisor or a juvenile parole officer, other than the
- 25 parole officer filing the allegations.
- 26 (2) The juvenile parolee shall receive notice of the
- 27 preliminary hearing, its purpose, and the alleged violations prior

1 to the commencement of the hearing. The juvenile parolee may

- 2 present relevant information, question adverse witnesses, and make
- 3 a statement regarding the alleged parole violations. The rules of
- 4 evidence shall not apply at such hearings and the hearing officer
- 5 may rely upon any available information.
- 6 (3) The hearing officer shall determine whether there is
- 7 probable cause to believe that the juvenile has violated a term or
- 8 condition of his or her parole and shall issue that decision in
- 9 writing. The decision shall either indicate there is not probable
- 10 cause to believe that the juvenile parolee has violated the terms
- 11 of his or her parole and dismiss the allegations and return
- 12 the juvenile to parole supervision, or it shall indicate there
- 13 is probable cause to believe that the juvenile has violated a
- 14 condition of parole and state where the juvenile will be held
- 15 pending the revocation hearing. The preliminary hearing officer
- 16 shall consider the seriousness of the alleged violation, the public
- 17 safety, and the best interests of the juvenile in determining where
- 18 the juvenile shall be held pending the revocation hearing.
- 19 Sec. 28. Section 43-420, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 20 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 21 43-420 This section applies until July 1, 2014. Any
- 22 hearing required or permitted for juveniles in the custody of the
- 23 Office of Juvenile Services, except a preliminary parole revocation
- 24 hearing, shall be conducted by a hearing officer who is an attorney
- 25 licensed to practice law in the State of Nebraska and may be an
- 26 employee of the Department of Health and Human Services or an
- 27 attorney who is an independent contractor. If the hearing officer

1 is an employee of the department, he or she shall not be assigned

- 2 to any duties requiring him or her to give ongoing legal advice to
- 3 any person employed by or who is a contractor with the office.
- 4 Sec. 29. Section 43-421, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 5 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 6 43-421 This section applies until July 1, 2014. When a
- 7 juvenile is charged with being in violation of a condition of his
- 8 or her parole, the juvenile is entitled to:
- 9 (1) Notice of the alleged violations of parole at least
- 10 twenty-four hours prior to a hearing on the allegations. Such
- 11 notice shall contain a concise statement of the purpose of the
- 12 hearing and the factual allegations upon which evidence will be
- 13 offered;
- 14 (2) A prompt hearing, within fourteen days after the
- 15 preliminary hearing, if the juvenile is being held pending the
- 16 hearing;
- 17 (3) Reasonable continuances granted by the hearing
- 18 officer for the juvenile to prepare for the hearing;
- 19 (4) Have his or her parents notified of the hearing and
- 20 allegations and have his or her parents attend the hearing;
- 21 (5) Be represented by legal counsel at the expense of
- 22 the Department of Health and Human Services unless retained legal
- 23 counsel is available to the juvenile. The department may contract
- 24 with attorneys to provide such representation to juveniles charged
- 25 with parole violations;
- 26 (6) Compel witnesses to attend, testify on his or her own
- 27 behalf, present evidence, and cross-examine witnesses against him

- 1 or her; and
- 2 (7) Present a statement on his or her own behalf.
- 3 Sec. 30. Section 43-422, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 4 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 5 43-422 This section applies until July 1, 2014. After
- 6 receiving notice of the allegations of a violation of parole, being
- 7 notified of the possible consequences, being informed of his or
- 8 her rights pertaining to the hearing, and having an opportunity to
- 9 confer with his or her parents or precommitment custodian and legal
- 10 counsel, if desired, the juvenile may waive his or her right to
- 11 a hearing and admit to the allegations. Such waiver and admission
- 12 shall be in writing and submitted, together with a recommended
- 13 disposition by the hearing officer, to the Administrator of the
- 14 Office of Juvenile Services or his or her designee.
- 15 Sec. 31. Section 43-423, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 16 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 17 43-423 This section applies until July 1, 2014. At the
- 18 parole violation hearing, the hearing officer shall again advise
- 19 the juvenile of his or her rights and ensure that the juvenile has
- 20 received the notice of allegations and the possible consequences.
- 21 Strict rules of evidence shall not be applied. The hearing officer
- 22 shall determine whether the detention of the juvenile or other
- 23 restrictions are necessary for the safety of the juvenile or
- 24 for the public safety and shall indicate to what extent the
- 25 juvenile will continue to be detained or restricted pending a
- 26 final decision and administrative appeal. The hearing officer shall
- 27 issue a written recommended disposition to the Administrator of

- 1 the Office of Juvenile Services or his or her designee who shall
- 2 promptly affirm, modify, or reverse the recommended disposition.
- 3 The final decision of the administrator or his or her designee
- 4 may be appealed pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.
- 5 The Department of Health and Human Services shall be deemed to
- 6 have acted within its jurisdiction if its action is in the best
- 7 interests of the juvenile with due consideration being given to
- 8 public safety. The appeal shall in all other respects be governed
- 9 by the Administrative Procedure Act.
- 10 Sec. 32. Section 43-2402, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 11 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 12 43-2402 For purposes of the Juvenile Services Act:
- 13 (1) Coalition means the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile
- 14 Justice established pursuant to section 43-2411;
- 15 (2) Commission means the Nebraska Commission on Law
- 16 Enforcement and Criminal Justice;
- 17 (3) Commission Grant Program means grants provided to
- 18 eligible applicants under section 43-2406;
- 19 (4) County Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program
- 20 means aid to counties and federally recognized or state-recognized
- 21 Indian tribes provided under section 43-2404.02;
- 22 (5) Eligible applicant means a community-based agency or
- 23 organization, political subdivision, school district, federally
- 24 recognized or state-recognized Indian tribe, or state agency
- 25 necessary to comply with the federal act;
- 26 (6) Federal act means the Juvenile Justice and
- 27 Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 5601 et seq., as the

- 1 act existed on July 1, 2001; January 1, 2013;
- 2 (7) Juvenile means a person who is under eighteen years
- 3 of age; and
- 4 (8) Office of Juvenile Services means the Office of
- 5 Juvenile Services created in section 43-404.
- 6 Sec. 33. Section 43-2404, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 7 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 8 43-2404 The coalition shall make award recommendations
- 9 to the commission, at least annually, in accordance with the
- 10 Juvenile Services Act and the federal act for grants made under
- 11 the Commission Grant Program. Such grants shall be used to
- 12 assist communities in the implementation and operation of programs
- 13 or services identified in their the applicable comprehensive
- 14 juvenile services plan, to include: Programs for local planning
- 15 and service coordination; screening, assessment, and evaluation;
- 16 diversion; alternatives to detention; family support services;
- 17 treatment services; reentry services; truancy prevention and
- 18 intervention programs; and other services documented by data that
- 19 will positively impact youth and families in the juvenile justice
- 20 system. including, but not limited to, programs for assessment
- 21 and evaluation, the prevention of delinquent behavior, diversion,
- 22 detention, shelter care, intensive juvenile probation services,
- 23 restitution, family support services, and community centers for the
- 24 care and treatment of juveniles in need of services.
- 25 Sec. 34. Section 43-2404.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 26 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 27 43-2404.01 (1) To be eligible for participation in

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either the Commission Grant Program or the County Community-based 1 2 Juvenile Services Aid Program, counties shall develop and adopt a comprehensive juvenile services plan and submit such plan 3 4 shall be developed, adopted, and submitted to the commission in 5 accordance with the federal act and rules and regulations adopted 6 and promulgated by the commission in consultation with the Office 7 of Juvenile Services. Director of the Community-based Juvenile 8 Services Aid Program, the Director of Juvenile Diversion Programs, 9 the Office of Probation Administration, and the University of 10 Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute. Such plan may be 11 developed by eligible applicants for the Commission Grant Program 12 and by individual counties, or by multiple counties, by federally 13 recognized or state-recognized Indian tribes, or by any combination 14 of the three for the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program. 15 Comprehensive juvenile services plans shall: 16 (a) Be developed by a comprehensive community team 17 representing juvenile justice system stakeholders; 18 (b) Be based on data relevant to youth and family issues; 19 (c) Identify research-based priorities and strategies or 20 standardized, reliable practices that are implemented with fidelity 21 and which have been researched and demonstrate positive outcomes; 22 (d) Identify clear implementation strategies; and 23 (e) Identify how the impact of the program or service 24 will be measured. 25 (2) Any portion of the comprehensive juvenile services 26 plan dealing with administration, procedures, and programs of the 27 juvenile court shall not be submitted to the commission without

1 the concurrence of the presiding judge or judges of the court or

- 2 courts having jurisdiction in juvenile cases for the geographic
- 3 area to be served. Programs or services established by such plans
- 4 shall conform to the family policy tenets prescribed in sections
- 5 43-532 to 43-534 and shall include research-based or standardized,
- 6 reliable practices that are implemented with fidelity and which
- 7 have been researched and demonstrate positive outcomes.
- 8 (2) (3) The commission, in consultation with the Office
- 9 of Juvenile Services and the coalition, shall develop or University
- 10 of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, shall contract
- 11 for the development and administration of a statewide system
- 12 to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of plans and programs
- 13 receiving funds from+ (a) The the Commission Grant Program and
- 14 (b) the Gounty Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program in
- 15 preventing persons from entering the juvenile justice system and in
- 16 rehabilitating juvenile offenders.
- 17 (4) There is established within the commission the
- 18 position of Director of the Community-based Juvenile Services
- 19 Aid Program, appointed by the executive director of the commission.
- 20 The director shall have extensive experience in developing and
- 21 providing community-based services.
- 22 (5) The director shall be supervised by the commission.
- 23 The director shall:
- 24 (a) Provide technical assistance and guidance for the
- 25 development of comprehensive juvenile services plans;
- 26 (b) Coordinate the review of the Community-based Juvenile
- 27 Services Aid Program application as provided in section 43-2404.02

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and make recommendations for the distribution of funds provided 1 2 under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, giving 3 priority to those grant applications funding programs and services 4 that will divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system, impact 5 and effectively treat juveniles within the juvenile justice system, 6 and reduce the juvenile detention population or assist juveniles 7 in transitioning from out-of-home placements to in-home treatments. 8 The director shall ensure that no funds appropriated or distributed 9 under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program are used 10 for purposes prohibited under subsection (3) of section 43-2404.02; 11 (c) Develop data collection and evaluation protocols, 12 oversee statewide data collection, and generate an annual report on 13 the effectiveness of juvenile services that receive funds from the 14 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program; 15 (d) Develop relationships and collaborate with juvenile 16 justice system stakeholders, provide education and training as 17 necessary, and serve on boards and committees when approved by the 18 commission; 19 (e) Assist juvenile justice system stakeholders in developing policies and practices that are research-based or 20 21 standardized and reliable and are implemented with fidelity and 22 which have been researched and demonstrate positive outcomes; 23 (f) Develop and coordinate a statewide working group as 24 a subcommittee of the coalition to assist in regular strategic 25 planning related to supporting, funding, monitoring and evaluating 26 the effectiveness of plans and programs receiving funds from the 27 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program; and

1 (g) Work with the coordinator for the coalition in

- 2 facilitating the coalition's obligations under the Community-based
- 3 Juvenile Services Aid Program.
- 4 Sec. 35. Section 43-2404.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 5 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 6 43-2404.02 (1) There is created a separate and distinct
- 7 budgetary program within the commission to be known as the County
- 8 <u>Community-based</u> Juvenile Services Aid Program. Funding acquired
- 9 from participation in the federal act, state General Funds, and
- 10 funding acquired from other sources which may be used for purposes
- 11 consistent with the Juvenile Services Act and the federal act
- 12 shall be used to aid counties in the establishment and provision
- 13 of community-based services for accused and adjudicated juvenile
- 14 offenders and to increase capacity for community-based services to
- 15 juveniles. juveniles who come in contact with the juvenile justice
- 16 system.
- 17 (2) The annual General Fund appropriation to the Gounty
- 18 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall provide the
- 19 commission with no more than two percent for administrative
- 20 purposes to operate the program to include necessary training,
- 21 data capacity and collection, and program evaluation. Funds shall
- 22 be apportioned to the counties as aid in accordance with a formula
- 23 established in rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by
- 24 the commission. The formula shall be based on the total number of
- 25 residents per county and federally recognized or state-recognized
- 26 <u>Indian tribe</u> who are twelve years of age through eighteen years
- 27 of age and other relevant factors as determined by the commission.

The commission may require a local match of up to forty percent 1

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- 2 from counties the county, multiple counties, federally recognized
- 3 or state-recognized Indian tribe or tribes, or any combination of
- 4 the three which is receiving aid under such program. Any local
- 5 expenditures for community-based programs for juveniles may be
- 6 applied toward such match requirement.
- 7 (3) Funds provided to counties under the County 8 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be used 9 exclusively to assist counties the aid recipient in the 10 implementation and operation of programs or the provision of services identified in their the aid recipient's comprehensive 11 12 juvenile services plan, including, but not limited to, programs of 13 for assessment and evaluation, prevention delinquent 14 behavior, diversion, shelter care, intensive juvenile probation 15 services, restitution, family support services, and family group 16 conferencing. local planning and service coordination; screening, 17 assessment, and evaluation; diversion; alternatives to detention; family support services; treatment services; reentry services; 18 19 truancy prevention and intervention programs; and other services 20 that will positively impact youth and families in the juvenile 21 justice system. In distributing funds provided under the County 22 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, counties aid 23 recipients shall prioritize programs and services that will 24 reduce the juvenile detention population. divert juveniles from 25 the juvenile justice system, reduce the population of juveniles 26 in juvenile detention and secure confinement, and assist in 27 transitioning juveniles from out-of-home placements. No funds

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appropriated or distributed under the County Community-based 1 2 Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be used for construction of secure detention facilities, secure youth treatment facilities, 3 4 or secure youth confinement facilities. Aid received under this 5 section shall not be used for capital construction or the lease or acquisition of facilities except for probation facilities expanded 6 7 for purposes of the Nebraska Juvenile Service Delivery Project 8 and shall not be used to replace existing funding for programs 9 or services. Any funds not distributed to counties under this 10 subsection shall be retained by the commission to be distributed 11 on a competitive basis under the County Community-based Juvenile 12 Services Aid Program for a county, multiple counties, federally 13 recognized or state-recognized Indian tribes, or any combination 14 of the three demonstrating additional need in the funding areas 15 identified in this subsection. 16 (4) Any county receiving recipient of funding under the 17 County Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall file an annual report as required by rules and regulations adopted and 18 19 promulgated by the commission. The report shall include, but not 20 be limited to, the type of juvenile service, how the service met 21 the goals of the comprehensive juvenile services plan, demographic

or residential treatment and secure confinement, and a listing of the expenditures for detention, residential treatment, and

information on the total number of juveniles served, the units

of service provided, a listing of the county's annual juvenile

justice budgeted and actual expenditures, program success rates,

the total number of juveniles sent to secure juvenile detention

1 nonresidential treatment.

2 (5) The commission shall report annually to the Governor and the Legislature on the distribution and use of funds 3 appropriated under the County Community-based Juvenile Services 4 5 Aid Program. The report shall include, but not be limited to, 6 an aggregate report of the use of the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program funds, including the types of juvenile 7 8 services and programs that were funded, demographic information 9 on the total number of juveniles served, program success rates, 10 the total number of juveniles sent to secure juvenile detention 11 or residential treatment and secure confinement, and a listing 12 of the expenditures of all counties and federally recognized 13 or state-recognized Indian tribes for detention, residential 14 treatment, and secure confinement. The report submitted to the 15 Legislature shall be submitted electronically. 16 (6) The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and 17 regulations to implement this section. for the Community-based 18 Juvenile Services Aid Program in consultation with the Director of the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, the 19 Director of Juvenile Diversion Programs, the Office of Probation 20 21 Administration, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile 22 Justice Institute. The rules and regulations shall consist of, but 23 not be limited to: (a) The required elements of a comprehensive community 24 25 plan and planning process; 26 (b) The Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program 27 formula, review process, match requirements, and fund distribution.

1 The distribution process shall ensure a conflict of interest

- 2 policy;
- 3 (c) A distribution process for funds retained under
- 4 subsection (3) of this section;
- 5 (d) A plan for evaluating the effectiveness of plans and
- 6 programs receiving funding;
- 7 (e) A reporting process for aid recipients; and
- 8 (f) A reporting process for the commission to the
- 9 Governor and Legislature.
- 10 Sec. 36. Section 43-2411, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 11 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 12 43-2411 (1) The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- 13 is created. As provided in the federal act, there shall be no less
- 14 than fifteen nor more than thirty-three members of the coalition.
- 15 The coalition members shall be appointed by the Governor and shall
- 16 include:
- 17 (a) The Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services;
- 18 (b) The chief executive officer of the Department of
- 19 Health and Human Services or his or her designee;
- 20 (c) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee;
- 21 (d) The executive director of the Nebraska Commission on
- 22 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice or his or her designee;
- 23 (e) The Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of
- 24 County Officials or his or her designee;
- 25 (f) The probation administrator of the Office of
- 26 Probation Administration or his or her designee;
- 27 (g) One county commissioner or supervisor;

- 1 (h) One person with data analysis experience;
- 3 (i) (j) One sheriff;
- 4 (k) The executive director of the Foster Care Review
- 5 Office;
- 6 (j) (1) One separate juvenile court judge;
- 8 (1) (n) One representative of mental health professionals
- 9 who works directly with juveniles;
- 10 (m) (o) Three representatives, one from each
- 11 congressional district, from community-based, private nonprofit
- 12 organizations who work with juvenile offenders and their families;
- 13 (n) (p) One volunteer who works with juvenile offenders
- 14 or potential juvenile offenders;
- 15 (a) One person who works with an alternative to
- 16 incarceration a detention program for juveniles;
- 17 (p) (r) The director or his or her designee from a youth
- 18 rehabilitation and treatment center;
- 19 (q) (s) The director or his or her designee from a secure
- 20 youth confinement juvenile detention facility;
- 21 (r) (t) The director or his or her designee from a staff
- 22 secure youth confinement facility;
- 23 (s) (u) At least five members who are under twenty-four
- 24 years of age when appointed;
- 25 (t) (v) One person who works directly with juveniles who
- 26 have learning or emotional difficulties or are abused or neglected;
- 27 (w) One member of the Nebraska Commission on Law

- 1 Enforcement and Criminal Justice;
- 2 (x) One member of a regional behavioral health authority
- 3 established under section 71-808;
- 4 (v) (y) One county attorney; and
- 5 (w) (z) One public defender.
- 6 (2) The terms of members appointed pursuant to
- 7 subdivisions (1)(g) through (1)(w) (1)(z) of this section shall
- 8 be three years, except that the terms of the initial appointments
- 9 of members of the coalition shall be staggered so that one-third
- 10 of the members are appointed for terms of one year, one-third for
- 11 terms of two years, and one-third for terms of three years, as
- 12 determined by the Governor. A majority of the coalition members,
- 13 including the chairperson, shall not be full-time employees of
- 14 federal, state, or local government. At least one-fifth of the
- 15 coalition members shall be under the age of twenty-four at the
- 16 time of appointment. Any vacancy on the coalition shall be filled
- 17 by appointment by the Governor. The coalition shall select a
- 18 chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and such other officers as it
- 19 deems necessary.
- 20 (3) Members of the coalition shall be reimbursed for
- 21 their actual and necessary expenses pursuant to sections 81-1174 to
- 22 81-1177.
- 23 (4) The coalition may appoint task forces or
- 24 subcommittees to carry out its work. Task force and subcommittee
- 25 members shall have knowledge of, responsibility for, or interest in
- 26 an area related to the duties of the coalition.
- 27 Sec. 37. Section 43-2412, Revised Statutes Cumulative

- 1 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 2 43-2412 (1) Consistent with the purposes and objectives
- 3 of the Juvenile Services Act and the federal act, the coalition
- 4 shall:
- 5 (a) Make recommendations to the commission on the
- 6 awarding of grants under the Commission Grant Program to eligible
- 7 applicants;
- 8 (b) Identify juvenile justice issues, share information,
- 9 and monitor and evaluate programs in the juvenile justice system;
- 10 (c) Recommend guidelines and supervision procedures to
- 11 the Office of Juvenile Services to be used to develop or expand
- 12 local diversion programs for juveniles from the juvenile justice
- 13 system;
- 14 (d) Prepare an annual report to the Governor, the
- 15 Legislature, the Office of Probation Administration, and the Office
- 16 of Juvenile Services including recommendations on administrative
- 17 and legislative actions which would improve the juvenile justice
- 18 system. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be submitted
- 19 electronically;
- 20 (e) Ensure widespread citizen involvement in all phases
- 21 of its work; and
- 22 (f) Meet at least four times each year.
- 23 (2) Consistent with the purposes and objectives of the
- 24 acts and within the limits of available time and appropriations,
- 25 the coalition may:
- 26 (a) Recommend criteria to the Office of Juvenile Services
- 27 for administrative procedures, including, but not limited to,

1 procedures for intake, detention, petition filing, and probation

- 2 supervision;
- 3 (b) Recommend to the Office of Juvenile Services
- 4 minimum professional standards, including requirements for
- 5 continuing professional training, for employees of community-based,
- 6 youth-serving agencies;
- 7 (c) Recommend to the Office of Juvenile Services
- 8 curricula for and cause to have conducted training sessions for
- 9 juvenile court judges and employees of other community-based,
- 10 youth-serving agencies;
- 11 (a) Assist and advise state and local agencies in the
- 12 establishment of volunteer training programs and the utilization of
- 13 volunteers;
- 14 (e) (b) Apply for and receive funds from federal and
- 15 private sources for carrying out its powers and duties; and
- 16 <u>(f)</u> <u>(c)</u> Provide technical assistance to eligible
- 17 applicants.
- 18 (3) In formulating, adopting, and promulgating the
- 19 standards, recommendations, and guidelines provided for in this
- 20 section, the coalition shall consider the differences among
- 21 counties in population, in geography, and in the availability of
- 22 local resources.
- Sec. 38. Section 43-3503, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 24 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 25 43-3503 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to
- 26 encourage counties to develop a continuum of nonsecure detention
- 27 services for the purpose of enhancing, developing, and expanding

1 the availability of such services to juveniles requiring nonsecure

- 2 detention.
- 3 (2) A county may enhance, develop, or expand nonsecure
- 4 detention services as needed with private or public providers.
- 5 Grants from the Commission Grant Program and aid from the County
- 6 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program under the Juvenile
- 7 Services Act and the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
- 8 Prevention Act of 1974 may be used to fund nonsecure detention
- 9 services. Each county shall routinely review services provided by
- 10 contract providers and modify services as needed.
- 11 Sec. 39. (1) There is established within the Nebraska
- 12 Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice the position
- 13 of Director of Juvenile Diversion Programs to be appointed by the
- 14 executive director of the commission.
- 15 (2) The Director of Juvenile Diversion Programs shall
- 16 be supervised by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and
- 17 Criminal Justice. The director shall be responsible for fostering,
- 18 promoting, researching, and assessing juvenile pretrial diversion
- 19 programs and developing new programs in collaboration with cities
- 20 and counties pursuant to sections 43-260.02 to 43-260.07. The
- 21 director shall:
- 22 (a) Provide technical assistance and guidance to juvenile
- 23 pretrial diversion programs for implementing evidence-based
- 24 strategies or standardized, replicable practices that have been
- 25 researched and have demonstrated positive outcomes;
- 26 (b) Develop a core juvenile pretrial diversion program
- 27 packet for utilization by counties without a juvenile pretrial

1 diversion program or counties without a district probation officer

- 2 acting under section 29-2258;
- 3 (c) Establish baseline program guidelines for juvenile
- 4 pretrial diversion programs grounded in best-practice research,
- 5 develop data collection and evaluation protocols, oversee statewide
- 6 data collection, and generate an annual report on juvenile pretrial
- 7 diversion programs;
- 8 (d) Develop relationships and collaborate with juvenile
- 9 justice stakeholders involved in juvenile pretrial diversion
- 10 programs, provide education and training as necessary, and serve on
- 11 boards and committees when approved by the commission;
- 12 (e) Facilitate consistent communication and
- 13 information-sharing among juvenile pretrial diversion program
- 14 directors;
- 15 (f) Assist juvenile pretrial diversion program directors,
- 16 county attorneys, district probation officers acting under section
- 17 29-2258, and county boards in developing policies and practices
- 18 that achieve the goals of quality juvenile pretrial diversion
- 19 programs;
- 20 (g) Assist in comprehensive community planning efforts as
- 21 they relate to development of juvenile pretrial diversion programs;
- 22 (h) Develop and coordinate a statewide working group
- 23 as a subcommittee of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- 24 to assist in regular strategic planning related to supporting,
- 25 funding, monitoring, and evaluating the effectiveness of plans and
- 26 programs receiving funds from the Community-based Juvenile Services
- 27 Aid Program; and

1 (i) Assist the Director of the Community-based Juvenile

- 2 Services Aid Program created under section 43-2404.01 in the review
- 3 of Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program applications as
- 4 provided in section 43-2404.02.
- 5 Sec. 40. (1) The Community and Family Reentry Process
- 6 is hereby created. This process is created in order to reduce
- 7 recidivism and promote safe and effective reentry for the juvenile
- 8 and his or her family to the community from the juvenile justice
- 9 system.

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to the community.

10 (2) While a juvenile is committed to a youth 11 rehabilitation and treatment center, family team meetings shall be 12 conducted in person or via videoconferencing at least once per 13 month with the juvenile's support system to discuss the juvenile's 14 transition back to the community. A juvenile's support system 15 should be made up of any of the following: The juvenile himself 16 or herself, any immediate family members or guardians, informal 17 and formal supports, the juvenile's probation officer, Office of 18 Juvenile Services personnel employed by the facility, and any 19 additional personnel as appropriate. Once developed, individualized reentry plans should be discussed at the family team meetings 20 with the juvenile and other members of the juvenile's support 21 22 system and shall include discussions on the juvenile's placement after leaving the facility. The probation officer and the Office 23 24 of Juvenile Services personnel should discuss progress and needs 25 of the juvenile and should help the juvenile follow his or her 26 individual reentry plan to help with his or her transition back ER84 LB561 NPN-04/29/2013

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1 (3) Within sixty days prior to discharge from a youth 2 rehabilitation and treatment center, or as soon as possible if the 3 juvenile's remaining time at the youth rehabilitation and treatment 4 center is less than sixty days, an evidence-based risk screening 5 and needs assessment should be conducted on the juvenile in order 6 to determine the juvenile's risk of reoffending and the juvenile's 7 individual needs upon reentering the community. 8 (4) Individualized reentry plans shall be developed 9 with input from the juvenile and his or her support system in 10 conjunction with a risk assessment process. Individualized reentry 11 plans shall be finalized thirty days prior to the juvenile leaving 12 the facility or as soon as possible if the juvenile's remaining 13 time at the youth rehabilitation and treatment center is less than 14 thirty days. Individualized reentry plans should include specifics 15 about the juvenile's placement upon return to the community, an 16 education transition plan, a treatment plan with any necessary 17 appointments being set prior to the juvenile leaving the facility, 18 and any other formal and information supports for the juvenile and 19 his or her family. The district probation officer and Office of 20 Juvenile Services personnel shall review the individualized reentry 21 plan and the expected outcomes as a result of the plan with the 22 juvenile and his or her support system within thirty days prior to 23 the juvenile's discharge from the facility. 24 (5) The probation officer shall have contact with the 25 juvenile and the juvenile's support system within forty-eight hours 26 after the juvenile returns to the community, and continue to assist

the juvenile and the juvenile's support system in implementing

1 and following the individualized reentry plan and monitoring the

- 2 juvenile's risk through ongoing assessment updates.
- 3 (6) The Office of Probation Administration shall
- 4 establish an evidence-based reentry process that utilizes risk
- 5 assessment to determine the juvenile's supervision level upon
- 6 return to the community. They shall establish supervision
- 7 strategies based on risk levels of the juvenile and supervise
- 8 accordingly, with ongoing reassessment to assist in determining
- 9 eligibility for release from probation. The Office of Probation
- 10 Administration shall develop a formal matrix of graduated sanctions
- 11 to be utilized prior to requesting the county attorney to file
- 12 for probation revocation. The Office of Probation Administration
- 13 shall provide training to its workers on risk-based supervision
- 14 strategies, motivational interviewing, family engagement, community
- 15 based resources, and other evidence-based reentry strategies.
- 16 (7) In conjunction with the Community and Family Reentry
- 17 Process, the Office of Probation Administration, working with youth
- 18 treatment and rehabilitation center staff and other appropriate
- 19 treatment personnel, may create and administer a program for early
- 20 discharge from a youth rehabilitation and treatment center to
- 21 community-based services. Eligibility for such program shall be
- 22 dependent on the following factors, including, but not limited
- 23 to: (a) Whether the juvenile has completed the goals of his or
- 24 her individual treatment plan or received maximum benefit from
- 25 institutional treatment; (b) whether the juvenile would benefit
- 26 from continued services under community supervision; (c) whether
- 27 the juvenile can function in a community setting; (d) whether there

1 is reason to believe that the juvenile will not commit further

- 2 violations of law; and (e) whether there is reason to believe
- 3 that the circumstances of the juvenile's placement, including
- 4 the involvement of the juvenile's support system, are supportive
- 5 of success outside of institutional treatment upon the juvenile
- 6 returning to the community.
- 7 Sec. 41. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to
- 8 appropriate to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and
- 9 Criminal Justice, for FY2013-14, and annually thereafter, ten
- 10 million dollars to be used for the Community-based Juvenile
- 11 Services Aid Program created under section 43-2404.02 and XXX
- 12 dollars to fund the positions of Director of Juvenile Diversion
- 13 Programs created under section 39 of this act and the Director
- 14 of the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program created under
- 15 <u>section 43-2404.01.</u>
- 16 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide
- 17 reimbursement for costs and a consultant for the committee created
- 18 in subdivision (2)(b) of section 43-4203.
- 19 <u>(3) It is the intent of the Legislature that the</u>
- 20 Nebraska Juvenile Service Delivery Project, established as a pilot
- 21 program under section 43-4101 within the Office of Probation
- 22 Administration, be expanded statewide in a three-step, phase-in
- 23 process beginning July 1, 2013, with full implementation by
- 24 July 1, 2014. The expansion of the project will result in the
- 25 Office of Probation Administration taking over the duties of the
- 26 Office of Juvenile Services with respect to its previous functions
- 27 of community supervision and parole of juvenile law violators

1 and of evaluations for such juveniles. The Office of Juvenile

- 2 Services shall continue for the purpose of operating the youth
- 3 rehabilitation and treatment centers and the care and custody of
- 4 the juveniles placed at such centers. Expansion of the project
- 5 shall be funded by the transfer of funds from the Department of
- 6 Health and Human Services and the Office of Juvenile Services used
- 7 to fully fund community-based services and juvenile parole to the
- 8 Office of Probation Administration. Transfer of such funds shall
- 9 take place on July 1, 2013, January 1, 2014, and July 1, 2014, with
- 10 one-third of such funds being transferred on each date.
- 11 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that detention
- 12 costs for a juvenile shall be paid by the county containing the
- 13 court which issued the order to detain in the following situations:
- 14 (a) A juvenile who has no prior contact with the juvenile
- justice system and is placed in predisposition detention; or
- (b) A juvenile who is placed in predisposition detention
- 17 for a new violation of law while under the supervision of the
- 18 Office of Probation Administration.
- 19 <u>(5) It is the intent of the Legislature that detention</u>
- 20 costs for a juvenile shall be paid by the Office of Probation
- 21 Administration in the following situations:
- 22 (a) A juvenile is placed in detention as the result of an
- 23 <u>alleged violation of probation; or</u>
- 24 (b) A juvenile is placed in post-disposition detention
- 25 under the supervision of the Office of Probation Administration
- 26 while awaiting placement.
- 27 (6) For purposes of this section, detention means secure

- 1 detention and staff secure detention.
- 2 Sec. 42. Section 43-4002, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 3 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 4 43-4002 (1) The Children's Behavioral Health Task Force,
- 5 under the direction of and in consultation with the Health and
- 6 Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the Department of
- 7 Health and Human Services, shall prepare a children's behavioral
- 8 health plan and shall submit such plan to the Governor and
- 9 the committee on or before December 4, 2007. The scope of the
- 10 plan shall include juveniles accessing public behavioral health
- 11 resources.
- 12 (2) The plan shall include, but not be limited to:
- 13 (a) Plans for the development of a statewide integrated
- 14 system of care to provide appropriate educational, behavioral
- 15 health, substance abuse, and support services to children and
- 16 their families. The integrated system of care should serve both
- 17 adjudicated and nonadjudicated juveniles with behavioral health or
- 18 substance abuse issues;
- 19 (b) Plans Until July 1, 2014, plans for the development
- 20 of community-based inpatient and subacute substance abuse and
- 21 behavioral health services and the allocation of funding for such
- 22 services to the community pursuant to subdivision (4) of section
- 23 43-406;
- 24 (c) Strategies for effectively serving juveniles assessed
- 25 in need of substance abuse or behavioral health services upon
- 26 release from the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney
- 27 or Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva;

1 (d) Plans for the development of needed capacity for the

- 2 provision of community-based substance abuse and behavioral health
- 3 services for children;
- 4 (e) Strategies and mechanisms for the integration of
- 5 federal, state, local, and other funding sources for the provision
- 6 of community-based substance abuse and behavioral health services
- 7 for children;
- 8 (f) Measurable benchmarks and timelines for the
- 9 development of a more comprehensive and integrated system of
- 10 substance abuse and behavioral health services for children;
- 11 (g) Identification of necessary and appropriate statutory
- 12 changes for consideration by the Legislature; and
- 13 (h) Development of a plan for a data and information
- 14 system for all children receiving substance abuse and behavioral
- 15 health services shared among all parties involved in the provision
- 16 of services for children.
- 17 (3) The department shall provide a written implementation
- 18 and appropriations plan for the children's behavioral health
- 19 plan to the Governor and the committee by January 4, 2008.
- 20 The chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee
- 21 of the Legislature shall prepare legislation or amendments to
- 22 legislation to implement this subsection for introduction in the
- 23 2008 legislative session.
- 24 Sec. 43. Section 43-4203, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 25 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 26 43-4203 (1) The Nebraska Children's Commission shall work
- 27 with administrators from each of the service areas designated

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1 pursuant to section 81-3116, the teams created pursuant to section

- 2 28-728, local foster care review boards, child advocacy centers,
- 3 the teams created pursuant to the Supreme Court's Through the Eyes
- 4 of the Child Initiative, community stakeholders, and advocates for
- 5 child welfare programs and services to establish networks in each
- 6 of such service areas. Such networks shall permit collaboration
- 7 to strengthen the continuum of services available to child welfare
- 8 agencies and to provide resources for children and juveniles
- 9 outside the child protection system. Each service area shall
- 10 develop its own unique strategies to be included in the statewide
- 11 strategic plan. The Department of Health and Human Services shall
- 12 assist in identifying the needs of each service area.
- 13 (2) (a) The commission shall create a committee to examine
- 14 state policy regarding the prescription of psychotropic drugs for
- 15 children who are wards of the state and the administration of such
- 16 drugs to such children. Such committee shall review the policy and
- 17 procedures for prescribing and administering such drugs and make
- 18 recommendations to the commission for changes in such policy and
- 19 procedures.
- 20 (b) The commission shall create a committee to examine
- 21 the structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile
- 22 Services as they exist on April 12, 2012. Such committee shall
- 23 review the role and effectiveness of the youth rehabilitation
- 24 and treatment centers in the juvenile justice system and make
- 25 recommendations to the commission on the future role of the
- 26 youth rehabilitation and treatment centers in the juvenile justice
- 27 continuum of care, including what populations they should serve

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1 and what treatment services should be provided at the centers 2 in order to appropriately serve those populations. Such committee 3 shall also review how mental and behavioral health services are 4 provided to juveniles in secure residential placements and the need 5 for such services throughout Nebraska and make recommendations to 6 the commission relating to those systems of care in the juvenile 7 justice system. The committee shall collaborate with the University 8 of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, the University of 9 Nebraska Medical Center, Center for Health Policy, the behavioral 10 health regions as established in section 71-807, and state and 11 national juvenile justice experts to develop recommendations. 12 If the committee's recommendations include maintaining the Youth 13 Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney, the recommendation 14 shall include a plan to implement a rehabilitation and treatment 15 model by upgrading the center's physical structure, staff, and staff training and the incorporation of evidence-based treatments 16 17 and programs. The recommendations shall be delivered to the 18 commission and to the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature by December 1, 2013. Such committee shall also review the 19 20 responsibilities of the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile 21 Services, including oversight of the youth rehabilitation and 22 treatment centers and juvenile parole, and make recommendations 23 to the commission relating to the future responsibilities of the 24 administrator. 25 The commission may organize committees as 26 deems necessary. Members of the committees may be members of 27 the commission or may be appointed, with the approval of the

1 majority of the commission, from individuals with knowledge of

- 2 the committee's subject matter, professional expertise to assist
- 3 the committee in completing its assigned responsibilities, and the
- 4 ability to collaborate within the committee and with the commission
- 5 to carry out the powers and duties of the commission.
- 6 (d) If the One Hundred Second Legislature, Second
- 7 Session, 2012, creates the The Title IV-E Demonstration Project
- 8 Committee or and the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee, or
- 9 both, such committees shall be are under the jurisdiction of the
- 10 commission.
- 11 (3) The commission shall work with the office of the
- 12 State Court Administrator, as appropriate, and entities which
- 13 coordinate facilitated conferencing as described in section
- 14 43-247.01. Facilitated conferencing shall be included in statewide
- 15 strategic plan discussions by the commission. Facilitated
- 16 conferencing shall continue to be utilized and maximized, as
- 17 determined by the court of jurisdiction, during the development
- 18 of the statewide strategic plan. Funding and contracting of
- 19 facilitated conferencing entities shall continue to be provided by
- 20 the Department of Health and Human Services to at least the same
- 21 extent as such funding and contracting are being provided on April
- 22 12, 2012.
- 23 (4) The commission shall gather information and
- 24 communicate with juvenile justice specialists of the Office of
- 25 Probation Administration and county officials with respect to any
- 26 county-operated practice model participating in the Crossover Youth
- 27 Program of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown

- 1 University.
- 2 (5) If the Nebraska Juvenile Service Delivery Project
- 3 is enacted by the One Hundred Second Legislature, Second Session,
- 4 2012, the commission shall coordinate and gather information about
- 5 the progress and outcomes of the project.
- 6 Sec. 44. Section 58-210.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 7 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 8 58-210.02 (1) Economic-impact project means any of the
- 9 following, whether or not in existence, financed in whole or
- 10 in part through the use of the federal new markets tax credit
- 11 described in section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code or through
- 12 the use of the tax credit authorized by section 77-1101 of the
- 13 New Markets Job Growth Investment Act, and located in a low-income
- 14 community designated pursuant to section 45D of the Internal
- 15 Revenue Code or <u>in an area</u> designated by the Department of Economic
- 16 Development:
- 17 (a) Any land, building, or other improvement, including,
- 18 but not limited to, infrastructure;
- 19 (b) Any real or personal property;
- 20 (c) Any equipment or working capital; and
- 21 (d) Any undivided or other interest in any property
- 22 described in subdivision (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection.
- 23 (2) Economic-impact project does not include any
- 24 operating capital.
- 25 (2) Social-impact project means any of the following,
- 26 whether or not in existence, to be used by one or more public or
- 27 private parties in connection with one or more programs authorized

1 or specified by the Office of Juvenile Services or the Office of

- 2 Probation Administration, to be created by the One Hundred Third
- 3 Legislature:
- 4 (a) Any land, building, or other improvement, including,
- 5 but not limited to, infrastructure;
- 6 (b) Any real or personal property;
- 7 (c) Any equipment or working capital; and
- 8 (d) Any undivided or other interest in any property
- 9 described in subdivision (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection.
- 10 Sec. 45. Section 58-239.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 11 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 12 58-239.04 (1) In addition to the powers granted under
- 13 section 58-239, the authority may:
- 14 (a) (1) Borrow money, and issue bonds, and provide
- 15 <u>technical assistance</u> for the purpose of financing economic-impact
- 16 projects and social-impact projects;
- 17 (b) (2) Enter into and perform interagency and
- 18 intergovernmental agreements with one or more public agencies
- 19 in connection with financing or providing resources for
- 20 economic-impact projects and social-impact projects;
- 21 (c) (3) Create, operate, manage, invest in, and own
- 22 entities or other consortia created for the purpose of facilitating
- 23 economic-impact projects and social-impact projects; and
- 24 (4) Provide resources for economic-impact projects
- 25 and social-impact projects, in an amount not to exceed ten twenty
- 26 million dollars per project, including, but not limited to, making
- 27 loans or providing equity through investment therein or ownership

1 thereof or through other means or agreements.

2 (2) The authority may exercise any of the powers 3 authorized by this section only after a public hearing has been 4 held detailing the economic-impact project to be assisted and 5 allowing for input from the public. Notice of the public hearing shall be given at least two weeks in advance of the hearing in 6 7 a newspaper of general circulation within the county affected by 8 the economic-impact project, which notice shall give a general 9 designation of the project and identify where more detailed plans 10 may be reviewed prior to the hearing.

11 Sec. 46. Section 77-1108, Revised Statutes Cumulative 12 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

77-1108 (1) Qualified active low-income community 13 14 business has the meaning given such term in section 45D of the 15 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and 26 C.F.R. 1.45D-1. 16 A business shall be considered a qualified active low-income 17 community business for the duration of the qualified community development entity's investment in, or loan to, the business 18 19 if the entity reasonably expects, at the time it makes the 20 investment or loan, that the business will continue to satisfy 21 the requirements for being a qualified active low-income community 22 business throughout the entire period of the investment or loan. 23 The term excludes any business that derives or projects to derive 24 fifteen percent or more of its annual revenue from the rental or 25 sale of real estate. This exclusion does not apply to a business 26 that is controlled by, or under common control with, another 27 business if the second business (1) (a) does not derive or project

1 to derive fifteen percent or more of its annual revenue from the

- 2 rental or sale of real estate and $\frac{(2)}{(b)}$ is the primary tenant of
- 3 the real estate leased from the first business.
- 4 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of the New
- 5 Markets Job Growth Investment Act or section 45D of the Internal
- 6 Revenue Code, any entity providing programs, services, or
- 7 assistance in the state in connection with programs or initiatives
- 8 of the Office of Juvenile Services or the Office of Probation
- 9 Administration, to be created by the One Hundred Third Legislature,
- 10 may be designated, by such office, as a qualified active low-income
- 11 community business for purposes of the New Markets Job Growth
- 12 Investment Act.
- 13 Sec. 47. Section 81-1417, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 14 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 15 81-1417 (1) The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement
- 16 and Criminal Justice shall consist of eighteen nineteen members.
- 17 The membership shall include the Governor, the Attorney General,
- 18 the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, the
- 19 Director of Correctional Services, the chief of police or director
- 20 of public safety of a city of more than two hundred thousand
- 21 population, the chief of police or director of public safety of
- 22 a city of less than two hundred thousand population or less,
- 23 a county sheriff, a county attorney, a county commissioner, a
- 24 mayor or city manager, a person involved with the control or
- 25 prevention of juvenile delinquency, the chairperson of the Nebraska
- 26 Police Standards Advisory Council, the chairperson of the Nebraska
- 27 Coalition for Juvenile Justice, and six members, at least one of

1 whom shall be a woman, from the public at large. The seven members

- 2 of the council shall also be considered members of the commission
- 3 acting as a special committee of the commission with limited powers
- 4 and duties. A member of the commission may serve concurrently as a
- 5 member of the council. The term of the district court judge serving
- 6 on July 20, 2002, terminates on such date.
- 7 (2) The Governor may increase the membership of the
- 8 commission at any time if such increase is necessary to comply
- 9 with the provisions of any federal act providing funds for law
- 10 enforcement or delinquency prevention purposes. Such members of the
- 11 commission appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of six
- 12 years from January 1 next succeeding their appointments.
- 13 (3) Except for the Governor, the Attorney General, the
- 14 Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, and the
- 15 Director of Correctional Services, the members of the commission
- 16 shall be appointed by the Governor. The membership of the
- 17 commission shall represent varying geographic areas and large
- 18 and small governmental subdivisions.
- 19 Sec. 48. Section 83-4,124, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 20 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 21 83-4,124 (1) It is hereby declared to be the policy
- 22 of the State of Nebraska that all criminal detention facilities
- 23 and juvenile detention facilities in the this state shall conform
- 24 to certain minimum standards of construction, maintenance, and
- 25 operation and that all juvenile detention facilities and staff
- 26 secure facilities in this state shall conform to certain minimum
- 27 standards relating to the operation and physical structure of

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1 such facilities and the care of, programs for, and discipline of

2 juveniles at such facilities.

(2) To further such policy, the Jail Standards Board 3 4 is hereby created. For administrative and budgetary purposes such 5 board shall be within the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The board shall consist of the Director of 6 7 Correctional Services or, if the Director of Correctional Services 8 chooses not to serve on the board, a person appointed by the 9 director to serve in lieu of the director, the State Fire Marshal 10 or his or her designee, and nine ten appointive members, three of whom shall be from each of the three congressional districts, 11 to be appointed by the Governor. The appointive members of the 12 board shall be appointed from recommendation lists containing at 13 14 least three names submitted by the Nebraska Association of County 15 Officials, the Nebraska County Sheriffs Association, the Nebraska 16 State Bar Association, and the Police Officers Association of 17 Nebraska. The appointive members of the board shall consist of: (1) 18 (a) Two county commissioners or supervisors; (2) (b) one county 19 sheriff; (3) (c) one municipal police chief; (4) (d) one member of 20 the Nebraska State Bar Association; (5) (e) two lay people; (6) (f) 21 one person who at the time of his or her appointment is serving as 22 an administrator responsible for the operation and maintenance of a juvenile detention facility; (g) one person who at the time of 23 24 his or her appointment is serving as an administrator responsible 25 for the operation and maintenance of a staff secure facility; and 26 (7) (h) one person who at the time of his or her appointment is 27 serving as an administrator or jailer responsible for the operation

1 and maintenance of a criminal detention facility having an average

- 2 daily population of greater than fifty persons. The term of the
- 3 district judge serving on July 20, 2002, terminates on such date.
- 4 (3) The terms of office for all members initially
- 5 appointed shall be three years. Upon completion of the initial
- 6 term of the board, the Governor shall appoint one member from
- 7 each congressional district for a term of one year, one member
- 8 from each congressional district for a term of two years, and
- 9 one member from each congressional district for a term of three
- 10 years. Succeeding appointees shall be representative of the same
- 11 congressional district and shall be appointed for terms of three
- 12 years. An appointee to a vacancy occurring from an unexpired term
- 13 shall serve out the term of his or her predecessor. Members whose
- 14 terms have expired shall continue to serve until their successors
- 15 have been appointed. The member authorized by this legislative bill
- 16 shall be appointed by the Governor within ninety days after the
- 17 effective date of this act.
- 18 (4) The members of the board shall serve without
- 19 compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for their actual
- 20 expenses while engaged in the performance of their official duties
- 21 as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
- 22 Sec. 49. Section 83-4,125, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 23 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 24 83-4,125 For purposes of sections 83-4,124 to 83-4,134:
- 25 (1) Criminal detention facility shall mean means any
- 26 institution operated by a political subdivision or a combination
- 27 of political subdivisions for the careful keeping or rehabilitative

1 needs of adult or juvenile criminal offenders or those persons

- 2 being detained while awaiting disposition of charges against them.
- 3 Criminal detention facility shall does not include any institution
- 4 operated by the Department of Correctional Services. Criminal
- 5 detention facilities shall be classified as follows:
- 6 (a) Type I Facilities shall mean means criminal detention
- 7 facilities used for the detention of persons for not more than
- 8 twenty-four hours, excluding nonjudicial days;
- 9 (b) Type II Facilities shall mean means criminal
- 10 detention facilities used for the detention of persons for not more
- 11 than ninety-six hours, excluding nonjudicial days; and
- 12 (c) Type III Facilities shall mean means criminal
- 13 detention facilities used for the detention of persons beyond
- 14 ninety-six hours; and
- 15 (2) Juvenile detention facility shall mean means an
- 16 institution operated by a political subdivision or political
- 17 subdivisions for the secure detention and treatment of persons
- 18 younger than eighteen years of age, including persons under the
- 19 jurisdiction of a juvenile court, who are serving a sentence
- 20 pursuant to a conviction in a county or district court or who
- 21 are detained while waiting disposition of charges against them.
- 22 Juvenile detention facility shall does not include any institution
- 23 operated by the department; and-
- 24 (3) Staff secure juvenile facility means a juvenile
- 25 residential facility operated by a political subdivision (a) which
- 26 does not include construction designed to physically restrict
- 27 the movements and activities of juveniles who are in custody in

- 1 the facility, (b) in which physical restriction of movement or
- 2 activity of juveniles is provided solely through staff, (c) which
- 3 may establish reasonable rules restricting ingress to and egress
- 4 from the facility, and (d) in which the movements and activities
- 5 of individual juvenile residents may, for treatment purposes, be
- 6 restricted or subject to control through the use of intensive staff
- 7 supervision. Staff secure juvenile facility does not include any
- 8 institution operated by the department.
- 9 Sec. 50. Section 83-4,126, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 10 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 11 83-4,126 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this
- 12 section, the Jail Standards Board shall have the authority and
- 13 responsibility:
- 14 (a) To develop minimum standards for the construction,
- 15 maintenance, and operation of criminal detention facilities;
- 16 (b) To perform such other duties as may be necessary to
- 17 carry out the policy of the state regarding such criminal detention
- 18 facilities, and juvenile detention facilities, and staff secure
- 19 juvenile facilities as stated in sections 83-4,124 to 83-4,134; and
- 20 (c) Consistent with the purposes and objectives of the
- 21 Juvenile Services Act, to develop standards for juvenile detention
- 22 facilities and staff secure juvenile facilities, including, but not
- 23 limited to, standards for physical facilities, care, programs, and
- 24 disciplinary procedures, and to develop guidelines pertaining to
- 25 the operation of such facilities.
- 26 (2) The Jail Standards Board shall not have authority
- 27 over or responsibility for correctional facilities that are

1 accredited by a nationally recognized correctional association. A

- 2 correctional facility that is accredited by a nationally recognized
- 3 correctional association shall show proof of accreditation annually
- 4 to the Jail Standards Board. For purposes of this subsection,
- 5 nationally recognized correctional association includes, but is not
- 6 limited to, the American Correctional Association or its successor.
- 7 Sec. 51. Section 83-4,131, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 8 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 9 83-4,131 Personnel of the Nebraska Commission on Law
- 10 Enforcement and Criminal Justice shall visit and inspect each
- 11 criminal detention facility, and juvenile detention facility, and
- 12 staff secure juvenile facility in the state, except correctional
- 13 facilities accredited by a nationally recognized correctional
- 14 association pursuant to subsection (2) of section 83-4,126, for the
- 15 purpose of determining the conditions of confinement, the treatment
- 16 of persons confined in the facilities, and whether such facilities
- 17 comply with the minimum standards established by the Jail Standards
- 18 Board. A written report of each inspection shall be made within
- 19 thirty days following such inspection to the appropriate governing
- 20 body responsible for the criminal detention facility, or juvenile
- 21 detention facility, or staff secure juvenile facility involved. The
- 22 report shall specify those areas in which the facility does not
- 23 comply with the required minimum standards.
- 24 Sec. 52. Section 83-4,132, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 25 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 26 83-4,132 If an inspection under sections 83-4,124 to
- 27 83-4,134 discloses that the criminal detention facility, or

juvenile detention facility, or staff secure juvenile facility 1 2 does not meet the minimum standards established by the Jail 3 Standards Board, the board shall send notice, together with the 4 inspection report, to the governing body responsible for the 5 facility. The appropriate governing body shall promptly meet to consider the inspection report, and the inspection personnel shall 6 7 appear before the governing body to advise and consult concerning 8 appropriate corrective action. The governing body shall then 9 initiate appropriate corrective action within six months of after 10 the receipt of such inspection report or may voluntarily close the 11 facility or the objectionable portion thereof.

12 Sec. 53. Section 83-4,133, Revised Statutes Cumulative
13 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

14 83-4,133 If the governing body of the juvenile detention 15 facility, or criminal detention facility, or staff secure juvenile 16 facility fails to initiate corrective action within six months 17 after the receipt of such inspection report, fails to correct the disclosed conditions, or fails to close the criminal detention 18 19 facility, or juvenile detention facility, or staff secure juvenile facility or the objectionable portion thereof, the Jail Standards 20 Board may petition the district court within the judicial district 21 22 in which such facility is located to close the facility. Such 23 petition shall include the inspection report regarding such 24 facility. The local governing body shall then have thirty days to 25 respond to such petition and shall serve a copy of the response on the Jail Standards Board by certified mail, return receipt 26 27 requested. Thereafter, a hearing shall be held on the petition

1 before the district court, and an order shall be rendered by such

- 2 court which either:
- 3 (1) Dismisses the petition of the Jail Standards Board;
- 4 (2) Directs that corrective action be initiated in some
- 5 form by the local governing body of the facility in question; or
- 6 (3) Directs that the facility be closed. An appeal from
- 7 the decision of the district court may be taken to the Court of
- 8 Appeals.
- 9 Sec. 54. Section 83-4,134, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 10 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 11 83-4,134 Sections 83-4,124 to 83-4,134 shall be
- 12 implemented upon completion of the development of minimum standards
- 13 by the Jail Standards Board. Thereafter, inspections shall begin,
- 14 but no criminal detention facility or juvenile detention facility.
- 15 or staff secure juvenile facility shall be closed within one year
- 16 of the date of first filing of the minimum standards in the office
- 17 of the Secretary of State. After one year from the date of first
- 18 filing of the minimum standards, a facility may be closed for any
- 19 violation of the minimum standards. Those standards relating to the
- 20 construction of the facility itself and its plumbing, heating, and
- 21 wiring systems shall not be enforced so as to require the closing
- 22 of any facility for a period of two years from the date of the
- 23 first filing of the minimum standards unless such violations are
- 24 of immediate danger to the safety of the persons confined in the
- 25 facility or facility personnel, in which case such period shall be
- 26 one year.
- 27 Sec. 55. Original sections 43-260.04, 43-260.05,

1 43-260.07, 43-281, 43-2,119, 43-404, 43-406, 43-407, 43-408,

- 2 43-409, 43-410, 43-411, 43-413, 43-414, 43-417, 43-418, 43-419,
- 3 43-420, 43-421, 43-422, 43-423, 43-2402, 43-2404, 43-2404.01,
- 4 43-2411, 43-3503, 43-4002, 58-210.02, 58-239.04, 81-1417, 83-4,124,
- 5 83-4,125, 83-4,132, and 83-4,134, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 6 Nebraska, and sections 28-726, 29-2204, 29-2258, 43-251.01, 43-286,
- 7 43-2,108.05, 43-405, 43-412, 43-415, 43-416, 43-2404.02, 43-2412,
- 8 43-4203, 77-1108, 83-4,126, 83-4,131, and 83-4,133, Revised
- 9 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012, are repealed.
- 10 Sec. 56. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
- 11 when passed and approved according to law.
- 12 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line
- 13 1 through line 8 and insert "juveniles; to amend sections
- 14 43-260.04, 43-260.05, 43-260.07, 43-281, 43-2,119, 43-404, 43-406,
- 15 43-407, 43-408, 43-409, 43-410, 43-411, 43-413, 43-414, 43-417,
- 16 43-418, 43-419, 43-420, 43-421, 43-422, 43-423, 43-2402, 43-2404,
- 17 43-2404.01, 43-2411, 43-3503, 43-4002, 58-210.02, 58-239.04,
- 18 81-1417, 83-4,124, 83-4,125, 83-4,132, and 83-4,134, Reissue
- 19 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-726, 29-2204,
- 20 29-2258, 43-251.01, 43-286, 43-2,108.05, 43-405, 43-412, 43-415,
- 21 43-416, 43-2404.02, 43-2412, 43-4203, 77-1108, 83-4,126, 83-4,131,
- 22 and 83-4,133, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to
- 23 change provisions relating to the Office of Juvenile Services,
- 24 the Office of Probation Administration, probation officers, and
- 25 juvenile detention, pretrial diversion, evaluation, placement,
- 26 treatment, parole, and discharge; to provide for an additional
- 27 judge of the separate juvenile court; to change provisions relating

to juvenile facilities; to rename and change provisions of the 1 2 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program; to change membership 3 and powers and duties of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice; to create the position of Director of Juvenile Diversion 4 5 Programs; to create the Community and Family Reentry Process; to state intent regarding appropriations; to change duties of the 6 7 Nebraska Children's Commission; to provide for the development of social-impact projects under the Nebraska Investment Finance 8 9 Authority Act; to provide for tax credits; to add a member to 10 the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; 11 to provide for applicability of minimum jail standards for staff 12 secure juvenile facilities; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal 13 the original sections; and to declare an emergency.". 14